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OFFICERS AT LOGGERHEADS.

FLYING DISASTER INQUEST.

A STRUGGLE FOR CONTROLS.

SENSATIONAL EVIDENCE REGARDING PILOT.

HELD TO BLAME.

London, Feb. 18.
Most remarkable evidence was given at the inquest at Plymouth to-day concerning the deaths of Wing-Commander C. G. Tucker, Flying Officer F. K. Wood and Aircraftman Rutledge, the three victims of the flyingboat disaster whose bodies were recovered.

Responsibility for the tragedy was attributed to Wing-Commander Tucker. Apparently there was some sort of struggle between two officers at the controls, one to one's disbelief in the other's capabilities.

The evidence showed that Wing-Commander Tucker, who was experienced in the handling of hand-planes, but had little to do with the control of flying-boats, insisted upon taking charge on the occasion of the final and fatal flight.

Officer's Story.

Flight-Lieutenant Fly, one of the three survivors of the mishap, told the Coroner that on two occasions during the trip, he thought it necessary to attempt to regain control. On both occasions, Wing-Commander Tucker knocked his hands from the controls.

At the last moment, just before the giant machine hit the water, said Lieutenant Fly, believing that Wing-Commander Tucker had misjudged his distance from the water, he grasped the wheel and pulled back the control.

He saw the nose of the boat begin to rise, but it was too late. She struck the water heavily and broke in two.

Lawrence of Arabia.

"Aircraftman Shaw" (better known to the world as Colonel Lawrence of Arabia) who is attached to the Flying Boat Squadron at Mount Batten, Plymouth, also gave remarkable evidence.

He stated that the men of the Squadron were disinclined to go up with Wing-Commander Tucker. He would have down with Tucker if he had been ordered to do so, but not as a matter of choice.

Jury's Finding.

After direction by the Coroner, the jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death," and expressed the opinion that the accident was due to an error of judgment by Wing-Commander Tucker, who made the landing, due to his inexperience of flying-boats.

The mishap occurred on February 4, the machine, a Blackburn all-metal plane, one of the largest and fastest of its type, crashing into Batten Bay, Plymouth, in the full view of thousands of spectators.

Nine Fatalities.

There were twelve officers and men aboard the craft and only three escaped with their lives, the majority of them being trapped in the fuselage. Four were rescued, but Flying Officer Wood died in hospital, and the bodies of Wing-Commander Tucker and Aircraftman Rutledge were subsequently recovered from the forward part of the smashed machine.

The other half of the machine, which broke away when the back buckled, sunk in deep water.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has weakened and is now central over the Yellow Sea. Moderate monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China Sea. Local forecast: —N.E. winds, moderate; overcast, some light rain and fog.

JUNK SINKS IN A STORM.

ABERDEEN FISHING FOKI DROWNED.

BOATS PICKED UP.

One fatality occurred in a mishap on the evening of February 14 when a fishing junk, with 20 people on board, was capsized by heavy wind and seas at a place called Tam Koo Tau in Chinese territory.

In a report to the Police, Kwok Wo-shun, the master, stated that his junk, No. 1990 of about 1,800 piculs capacity, was fishing at Tam Koo Tau, which is about 21 hours' sail from Aberdeen, at about 11 p.m. on February 14. The weather became bad as the evening wore on and the junk was battered about so much that she sprang a leak.

Believing it to be dangerous to remain on board the crew decided to abandon the junk. They put off in two small boats but one of the foki could not find, and it is presumed that he was drowned.

The two boats had not got away very long before the junk capsized and sank, all the property of the crew going down with it.

The boats drifted apart and when dawn broke they were not within sight of each other. One of the boats was found by a trading junk at about 7 a.m. the next day and the occupants were taken to Macao, while the other was seen by another junk and the occupants taken to Tai O.

The value of the junk is assessed by the master at \$2,000 while the property lost cost approximately \$1,000, making the total loss \$3,000.

BRITISH AIR MAIL ENTERPRISE.

FROM CAIRO INTO HEART OF AFRICA.

London, Feb. 18.
The first time-table for the North African section of the 8,000 miles Imperial Airways Britain-South Africa route, which opens on February 26th was issued to-day.

This addition to the Empire air routes extends for 2,670 miles from Cairo, on the Nile, to Khartoum, and hence via the great Lakes to Mwanza in Tanganyika, and it will connect Britain by air with the Sudan and with Central and East Africa and bring India, Persia and Iraq into direct air communication with North-Eastern Africa.

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CEMENT COMPANY PROFITS.

DIVIDEND PROPOSALS ANNOUNCED.

Subject to audit, the Directors of the Green Island Cement Company, Ltd., will at the forthcoming meeting of shareholders to be held on Wednesday, the 18th, March, recommend the following allocation of profits:

To pay a dividend of 30 cents per share on the old shares	\$120,000.00
To pay a dividend of 4 cents per share on the new shares	10,000.00
To write off obsolete Machinery Stores	20,000.00
To place to General Reserve	100,000.00
To carry forward to credit of next year's account	88,421.76
	\$344,421.76

SHIP'S OFFICERS' ANTI-PIRACY OBLIGATIONS.

MISUNDERSTANDINGS CLEARED UP.

GUILD SATISFIED WITH THE REGULATIONS.

AN EXPLANATION.

In an interview which a *Telegraph* representative had this morning with Captain T. T. Laurensen, branch secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild, it was made clear that a misunderstanding with regard to the obligations resting on ships' masters and officers in connexion with anti-piracy measures had been cleared up to the satisfaction of the Guild.

It will be recalled that in November last, the Government issued a new anti-piracy regulation which at the time was vigorously objected to by the Guild. This was as follows: "The master or other person in charge of a ship shall take effective measures to cause, and he shall cause the movements of his ship to be in accordance with those regulations, and he shall take effective measures to prevent, and he shall prevent the coming on board or embarkation of any person and the bringing on board of anything contrary to or not in accordance with these regulations."

Initial Protest.

Immediately the regulation was issued, Captain Laurensen, on behalf of the Guild, entered a strong protest against it, on the ground that it placed unreasonable obligations on ships' officers.

In last week's issue of the *Government Gazette*, further amendments of the regulations were issued, from which it was disclosed that the regulation to which the Guild had taken such strong objection was being retained.

In view of the Guild's previous objection to the regulation, a *Telegraph* representative this morning called on Captain Laurensen in order to ascertain how the position now stood.

A Conference.

Captain Laurensen at once explained that the position had been satisfactorily cleared up. He stated that at the time of his protest, the Colonial Secretary informed him that the Government had no intention whatever of placing the onus of searches on ships' officers, and that the regulation to which exception had been taken would be found innocuous if read in conjunction with the other regulations.

In order that the situation might be made clear, a meeting was held at the Crown Solicitor's Office early in January, being attended by the Crown Solicitor, the Inspector-General of Police, a representative of the shipping companies, and Capt. Laurensen as representing the China Coast Guild.

At this meeting, said Captain Laurensen, the regulations of 1928 were examined in detail, and it was made clear that the regulation to which the Guild had taken exception referred to the obligations of ships' officers after the police had completed their search.

Officers' Duty.

"In other words," said Captain Laurensen, "the Government attitude could be summed up in these words: 'The police have done their job; it is now up to the officers of the ship to see that no-one else comes aboard, and that no more cargo is brought on board; otherwise, the police search becomes nugatory.'"

The position being explained thus, added the Guild Secretary, no possible objection could be raised to the regulation.

Result to be Stated.

Captain Laurensen further explained that during the meeting, he suggested that, in fairness to the ships' officers, the police should give a certificate stating the result of any search when it was completed, and this was agreed to. A proviso to this effect now appears in the amended regulations.

Another point which Captain Laurensen brought forward at the meeting was that the anti-piracy regulations previously ap-

LOUIS WOLHEIM PASSES AWAY.

DEATH OF A NOTED FILM STAR.

"ALL QUIET" LEAD.

Los Angeles, Feb. 18.
The death has occurred here of Louis Wolheim, the well-known cinema star who made his biggest hit as Katsinsky in "All Quiet on the Western Front." *Reuter's American Service.*

Louis Wolheim, "the man with the broken nose," was 44 years of age. He met with a street accident when a boy, badly disfiguring his face, but in later years this proved one of his assets.



as a film star, for he was usually cast in somewhat villainous parts. At one time, he was a Professor of Mathematics at Cornell University, but later he went on the legitimate stage, subsequently taking up cinema work with immense success. He did wonderful work in one of the leading characters in "All Quiet on the Western Front," but it is stated that his impersonation of the role of Katsinsky led to the film being banned in Germany, it being considered that the part gave a wrong impression of a German N.C.O.

Wolheim took soldier parts in several other war films, whilst he was also starred in "Sorrell and Son," "The Tempest," "The Shady Lady," and "The Wolf Song."

NEW THEORIES ON JESUS CHRIST.

AN AUSTRIAN PROFESSOR'S DESCRIPTION.

HUNCHBACK DWARF.

London, Feb. 19.
A small, bent, hunch-backed, homely figure of four feet nine inches, is the sensational description of Jesus Christ in a new book "The Messiah Jesus and John the Baptist," by Doctor Elster, Professor of Historical Research at Vienna University.

Dr. Elster has lectured in most British universities and at the Paris Sorbonne.

He revives the theory that the works of the historian Josephus were severely censored when Christianity prevailed, everything obnoxious to Christians being erased. Dr. Elster is of the opinion that the crucifixion was a sequel to a plot to seize Jerusalem, the thieves being merely armed followers of Jesus.

He explains the "resurrection" by the existence of a twin-brother of Jesus, who impersonated him. Dr. Elster admits that his reconstruction is purely hypothetical. —*Reuter.*

SUICIDE.

Arrested in connexion with an armed robbery at 21, Shupo Road, Kowloon City, on Monday, a Chinese named Chung Leung-ki, aged 34, of 9, Cook Street, Hung-hong, committed suicide in his cell at the Kowloon City Police Station by hanging himself with strips of his cell blanket, which he had torn up for the purpose.

On the man's arrest, 15 sovereign coins stolen during the robbery were recovered.

appeared in the Harbour Regulations, for the information of masters, but this had not been the case for some years. He suggested that the former practice should be resumed, and the proposal was sympathetically received.

READING'S WIN AT BRADFORD.

SOCCER SURPRISES YESTERDAY.

CELTIC, CHELSEA, WOLVES & LEEDS LOSE AT HOME.

SCOTTISH CUP DRAW.

London, Feb. 18.
A number of league matches, postponed owing to Cup-ties, and played off to-day, were productive of some most astonishing results. In five First Division games, three teams were victors on foreign soil, while two away wins were scored in three Second Division games.

The outstanding performance was Reading's victory at Bradford, while Huddersfield did well to beat Chelsea at Stamford Bridge.

An interesting fixture, a sort of preliminary run before the sixth round of the English Cup, saw West Bromwich Albion trounce the Wolves at Wolverhampton. They meet at the Hawthorns in the Cup.

Celtic Failure.

In the Scottish League, Celtic went down sensationally before their own supporters to Jolly-placed Clyde, while the Rangers could do no better than share points with Ayr United. Motherwell increased their lead by a convincing victory.

The draw for the Fourth Round of the Scottish Cup was made to-day, following the result of the replay between Aberdeen and Dundee, at Aberdeen, the latter winning by two clear goals.

The draw resulted as follows:

Scottish Cup Draw.

Celtic	v.	Aberdeen
Third Lanark	v.	St. Mirren
Cowdenbeath	v.	Motherwell
Borness	v.	Kilmarnock

Matches to be played on February 28:

Lively games are expected at Buxton Park and at Cowdenbeath, and anything may happen. St. Mirren will find it no easy matter to dispose of the Second Division leaders, while the other match looks an easy thing for Kilmarnock. Borness have met with astonishing success in the Cup Competition. They are at the bottom of the Second Division of the Scottish League with only five wins to their credit.

To-day's league matches resulted:

First Division.			
Chelsea	1	Huddersfield	2
Blackpool	0	Birmingham	1
Leeds Un.	1	Leicester	3
Portsmouth	1	Manchester C.	1
Aston Villa	4	Sunderland	2

Second Division.			
Bradford	1	Reading	3
Exeter	5	Barnsley	2
Wolves	1	West Brom. A.	4

Third Division (South).			
Exeter	2	Walsall	3

Scottish League.			
Aldrie	4	Hibernians	1
Hearts	3	Falkirk	2
Motherwell	3	Morton	3
Celtic	0	Clyde	1
Ayr United	2	Rangers	2

Scottish Cup Re-play.			
Aberdeen	2	Dundee	0

The revised league tables are appended:

First Division.									
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Goals	
Arsenal	28	18	7	3	53	42	43		
Aston Villa	30	16	8	6	54	40	40		
Wednesday	30	17	6	7	81	55	40		
Derby	29	14	7	8	75	56	45		
Portsmouth	29	11	10	8	60	52	32		
Manchester C.	30	13	6	11	54	53	32		
Huddersfield	29	12	7	10	64	55	31		
Blackburne	30	11	6	12	65	51	31		
Liverpool	29	11	8	10	65	51	30		
West Ham	29	12	6	11	60	50	30		
Sheffield U.	28	10	9	9	59	53	29		
Leicester	28	13	3	12	64	57	29		
Chelsea	29	10	8	11	51	49	28		
Sunderland	29	9	12	6	70	26	28		
Blackburne	28	10	6	12	58	52	28		
Newcastle	29	11	4	14	61	58	28		
Birmingham	29	9	12	4	65	30	28		
Grimsby	30	11	4	15	54	44	26		
Bolton	29	9	14	6	39	57	24		
Leeds	28	8	10	10	53	21	21		
Blackpool	29	7	15	6	46	92	21		
Manchester U.	30	5	4	21	38	14	14		

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SCHOOL AGE BILL LOST IN LORDS.

PEERS REFUSE A SECOND READING.

SNOWDEN'S RELIEF.

London, Feb. 18.
The House of Lords to-day rejected the second reading of the Government's Education Bill for raising the school age from 14 to 15 by 168 votes to 22.

The refusal of the Lords to accept the Bill occasions no surprise and it is not expected that the Government will endeavour to resuscitate it.

In any event, its operation had already been rendered exceedingly remote by the adoption, in the Commons, of Mr. Scarr's amendment, provided that the Bill should not come into operation till an Act had been passed authorizing expenditure out of public funds to meet the cost incurred by non-provided schools in carrying out the requirements of the Bill.

The Bill, with the amendment included, was eventually carried by a margin of eighteen votes, but was regarded more or less as a dead letter.

Efforts have been made since to reach a compromise with the Roman Catholics, who sponsored the amendment, but an agreement between the religious bodies has persistently eluded the negotiators.

By the rejection, Mr. Snowden will save a substantial sum, beginning with half a million sterling annually, rising later to £5,000,000. —*Reuter's American Service.*

KARACHI CONGRESS UPSET.

DEALERS OUTWIT THE CLOTH PICKETS.

Karachi, Feb. 18.
Congress circles have been flustered by the resignation of the central committee of the boycott movement as a result of the decision of an increasing number of dealers being engaged in secretly trading in foreign cloth notwithstanding their pledge to abstain.

The dealers throughout have outwitted all the Congress picketers. —*Reuter.*

New Delhi, Feb. 18.

The conversations between the Viceroy and Gandhi were continued to-day and lasted three hours and forty minutes.

Gandhi seemed cheerful, and will now consult the other leaders, after which he will resume his talk with Lord Irwin. —*Reuter.*

NEW U.S. MINISTER TO HOLLAND.

CHICAGO LAWYER GETS APPOINTMENT.

Washington, Feb. 18.
The Chicago lawyer, Mr. Nathan William MacChesney has been appointed United States Minister to the Netherlands. —*Reuter's American Service.*

Mr. MacChesney is the senior member of the legal firm, MacChesney and Becker. He was Judge Advocate at General Headquarters of the American Expeditionary Force in France during the war and was recommended by General Pershing for the D.S.M. "for exceptionally meritorious and conspicuous services." He is the editor of several legal publications and the author of standard works on American law.

LATEST PHONE EXTENSION.

LONDON AND PRAGUE NOW LINKED.

London, Feb. 18.
In view of the continued growth of telephone traffic between England and Czechoslovakia, a "through" telephone service between London and Prague has been brought into operation.

Calls between Great Britain and Czechoslovakia have hitherto been switched at Berlin. —*British Wireless.*

SILVER LOAN EMISSARIES REACH NANKING.

STRANGE REPORT OF PARLEY.

REGARDED AS ENTIRELY UNOFFICIAL.

Shanghai, Feb. 18.
A story is in circulation suggesting that negotiations for a big silver loan from the United States to China have been opened. Mention is made of the arrival in Nanking of two American representatives from Peking, though it is not made clear whether they are supposed to be financiers, diplomatic representatives, or agents of silver-producing interests.

It is stated that they have already been in conference with Nanking Government officials, including Mr. Hu Han-min, chairman of the Legislative Council, Mr. Sun Fo, Minister of Railways, and Mr. Yu Yu-jen, chairman of the Control Council.

Shanghai business circles are frankly sceptical of the authenticity of the report, though it goes so far as to suggest that the negotiations have been very successful and that an agreement may be signed in the near future if the Nanking request for a reduction of the amount from 1,000,000,000 ounces to 200,000,000 or 300,000,000 ounces is accepted. —*What China Would Do With It.*

The silver "borrowed" will, it is stated, be used for the minting of new silver coins, in conformity with a Nanking plan for unifying silver currency all over the country.

A Nanking Government spokesman is reported as saying that the American delegates are likely to agree to the scaling down of the loan figures, and that provided the Central Political Council agrees, the arrangements for the loan, which is strongly supported by Mr. Hu Han-min, will be soon completed.

It is pointed out, however, that any negotiations now proceeding in Nanking must be entirely unofficial. The American Government has given no sign of intention to comply with the recommendations of Senator Key Pittman. In any event, it is an important part of the Pittman programme that the silver loan should be of an international character. A loan from America to China direct would offend the terms of the Consortium Agreement.

Even if negotiations are going on, their result can have no value, except possibly as weightage in support of Senator Pittman's scheme.

Senator King Now Interested.

Washington, Feb. 11.
Coinciding with submission to the Senate foreign relations committee of the report of the Pittman commerce committee sub-committee, Senator William H. King, Democrat of Utah, called upon President Hoover to take action designed to cope with the silver situation.

Senator King asked that President Hoover appoint a commission to study the silver situation. He urged that the President negotiate with Great

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THE FIRE CRACKER NUISANCE.

A HOST OF PROSECUTIONS
IN LOCAL COURT.

The fire-cracker nuisance during the Chinese New Year festivities was taken official notice of, and before Mr. Schofield, at the Central Police Court yesterday, a large number of persons, comprising shopkeepers, hawkers and others, were brought before the Court on charges under the Ordinance controlling the firing of crackers.

Many shopkeepers and hawkers of fire crackers were accused of exposing their wares for sale other than in glass or wooden show cases, providing adequate protection from ignition by a casually thrown match or cigarette end. The cases were dealt with on their merits, the fines imposed varying according to the quantity displayed by each vendor. The penalties ranged from \$20 to \$100.

Under a different section of the Ordinance, that of firing crackers during prohibited hours and/or in prohibited areas, several others who were brought before the Court, were each fined \$5 and \$7, those who committed a double offence being given the higher of the fines.

A third section of the delinquents to be dealt with were those who were guilty of the offence of throwing crackers to the common danger of the public. Sub-inspector McLaughlin, of the Wanchai Police Station, who prosecuted, informed his Worship, in one case, that the defendant had ignited a cracker and dropped it immediately behind the inspector's wife and child, who were standing outside the Police Station. Others were stated to have thrown the crackers into the air to the danger of pedestrians and motor traffic. Some of the defendants were firing the "electric" crackers which are not allowed.

These defendants were fined \$20 each.

A LADY TOURIST ANNOYED.

CHAIRCOOLERS WHO KEPT
DEMANDING MONEY.

In prosecuting two coolies before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court yesterday for carrying a sedan chair without a licence, Sub-inspector Logan informed his Worship that the two men had demanded money from their fare, an American lady tourist who was sight-seeing on the Peak.

The prosecuting officer said that the lady complained of having been subjected to frequent demands for money during the trip to the Peak. She was very excited and upset when she went to the Police Station. She said that during the trip the coolies had placed the chair on the ground and demanded payment. This was done on more than one occasion, the lady having to pay the men before they consented to continue the journey.

It was also mentioned that complaints of this nature had been received on previous occasions. Each defendant was ordered to pay a fine of \$5.

FRANCHISE INCREASE.

THREE MILLION MORE
VOTERS PLANNED BY JAPAN.

Tokyo, Feb. 18.
According to an announcement made by the Home Office, the National electorate will be increased by more than 3,000,000, and will total 10,200,000, if the Diet passes the Electoral Reform Bill. This measure, which lowers the age qualification to 20 years, is now under discussion.

In addition 13,500,000 women will receive local franchise if the Women's Citizenship Bill is passed.

—Reuter.

AN ALLEGED TRICK.

EVIDENCE CONCLUDES IN
KOWLOON CASE.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning, Mr. Butters reserved judgment, after the evidence had concluded, in the case in which Yeung Chik-chu and Li Fung-ling are charged with having on November 13, 1928, obtained \$3,500 from a widow, Choi Ngan, by means of a trick.

The second defendant was defended by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, while the first was undefended. Detective Sergeant Fitches prosecuted.

Briefly, the story for the prosecution is that the two defendants were alleged to have offered to cure the complainant's son by means of charms and holy water, and obtained the money from her. The second defendant is then alleged to have handed the complainant a packet, supposed to contain the money, which he asked her to throw into the harbour, when the money would be purified by the Gods and returned to him. She had done as instructed and returned to the second defendant who produced a packet very similar to the one she had thrown overboard. This packet she was instructed to keep with her and not to open until notified by him. On December 10, 1930, the complainant's nephew had the packet opened. It contained sheets of brown paper. He then had the two defendants arrested.

Defendants' Evidence.

The first defendant, giving evidence yesterday, said that three years ago he lived together with the complainant and they had spent the money, the subject of the charge. When they returned from the country the complainant lived by herself in Portland street and he lived elsewhere. On December 10, 1930, he visited the complainant at her house in Portland Street. The complainant's nephew and two other men had then assaulted him, and the nephew had asked him what he had done with his aunt's money. After being assaulted he was forced to write to the second defendant, and he was also threatened by the three men into telling the police that he had thrown the parcel into the harbour two years ago.

In reply to Mr. Lo, defendant said that he had never asked the second defendant to carry out any form of worship for the complainant. He had also never seen the complainant hand over \$3,500 to the second defendant on November 13, 1928. He denied having received instructions from the second defendant to accompany the complainant and throw the parcel of notes into the harbour. The second defendant never conspired with him to defraud the complainant. He had been made to implicate the second defendant by the complainant while he was being assaulted. He only wanted the second defendant to come and act as a mediator between him and his assailants.

The second defendant said that he had known the first defendant for a number of years, and had attended his marriage three years ago at which he had met the complainant. That was the only occasion on which he had seen the complainant. He denied having taken \$3,500 from her or having conspired with the first defendant to defraud her. He also denied having done any form of worship for the complainant or her children.

He was very surprised when he received a message from the first defendant requesting him to come over to Yau-mat on December 10, as he did not know what it was for. He had sent a reply saying that he could not go over as it was late at night, and saying that he would meet the first defendant the following day at the temple.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo contended that there was not one iota of evidence against the second defendant to convict him either of conspiracy or of obtaining money by a trick. He said that it was only the uncorroborated evidence of the complainant against that of his client, and he therefore asked that the man be discharged. Judgment was reserved until Saturday.

SEQUEL TO TIENTSIN ARRESTS.

ALLEGED COMMUNISTS TO BE
COURT MARTIALED.

Peking, Feb. 18.
Nineteen of the alleged Communists arrested in Tientsin on February 11 have been brought to Peking, where they will be tried by a court martial, which the headquarters of the Garrison Commander is setting up for that purpose.

They include several young women. —Reuter.

Red Lender Killed.

The Communist leader Wai Pat-chun, who menaced the Kwangtung border near Linshui some time ago, was reported killed in action during the engagement between the troops under Colonel Teng Fei and the Communist bandits. Wai is a noted Communist leader in Kwangsi, having been very active in Tunglanchow and vicinity in the northern part of Kwangsi for some years. He joined forces with the bandits under Li Ming-shui to invade Hunan and Kwangtung. The bandits who were captured by the Cantonese forces, confirmed the death of Wai Pat-chun. —Canton Gazette.

THE COLONIES AND NAVAL DEFENCE.

AMENDMENT TO PRESENT
ACT RECOMMENDED.

London, Feb. 18.

The standing committee of the House of Commons passed, and ordered to be reported for its third reading, the Bill amending the Colonial Naval Defence Acts, so that Colonies desiring to take advantage of the Act may be able to join together and share the cost.

Mr. Ammon explained that the Government had particularly in mind the East African colonies, Ceylon and the Straits Settlements.

Replying to a suggestion that it would be more effective to concentrate on one main fleet, with cash contributions from the colonies, instead of encouraging the creation of small units, Mr. Ammon replied that it was the view of the Admiralty that the colonies, if they desired, should be able to raise funds to man their own ships. He added that the Treaty of London governed the whole matter, and the Bill could not be used to increase the size of the Navy. —Reuter.

VICTIM OF HUNGER.

MAN WHO ESCAPED GALLOWES
CAPTURED AGAIN.

Constantinople, Feb. 18.
Driven by cold and hunger into a village in search of food, a man was recognised by the villagers as the Jewish Hussain, who escaped from the hands of the hangman and dashed to liberty through a cordon of astonished troops, running the gauntlet of an outburst of fire, on the day that 28 dervishes, hodjas, sheikhs and others, connected with the Menemen uprising, were ordered out to be executed.

Hussain had been wandering in the mountains for a fortnight. He was handed over to the police and taken to Menemen and will be hanged to-morrow. —Reuter.

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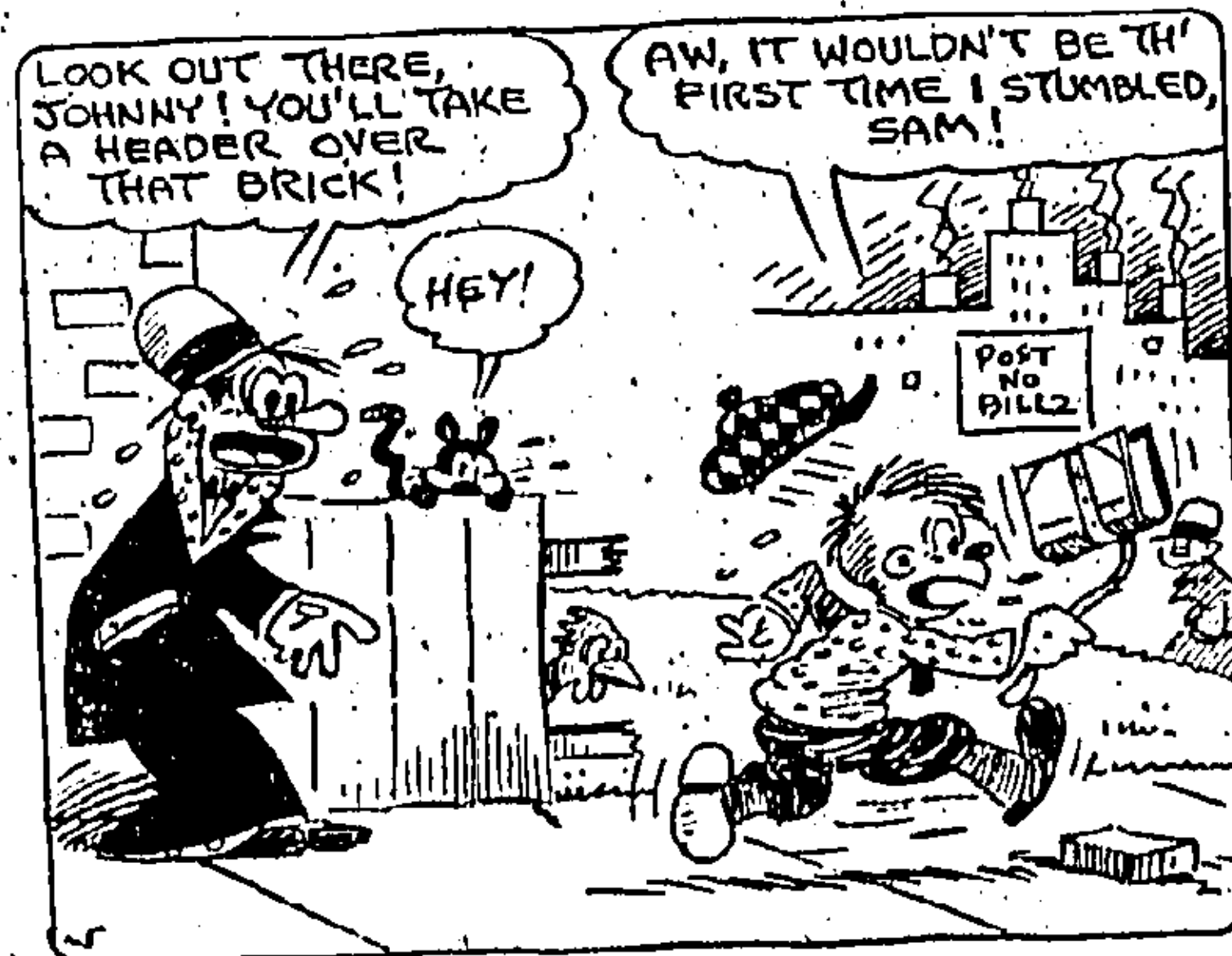
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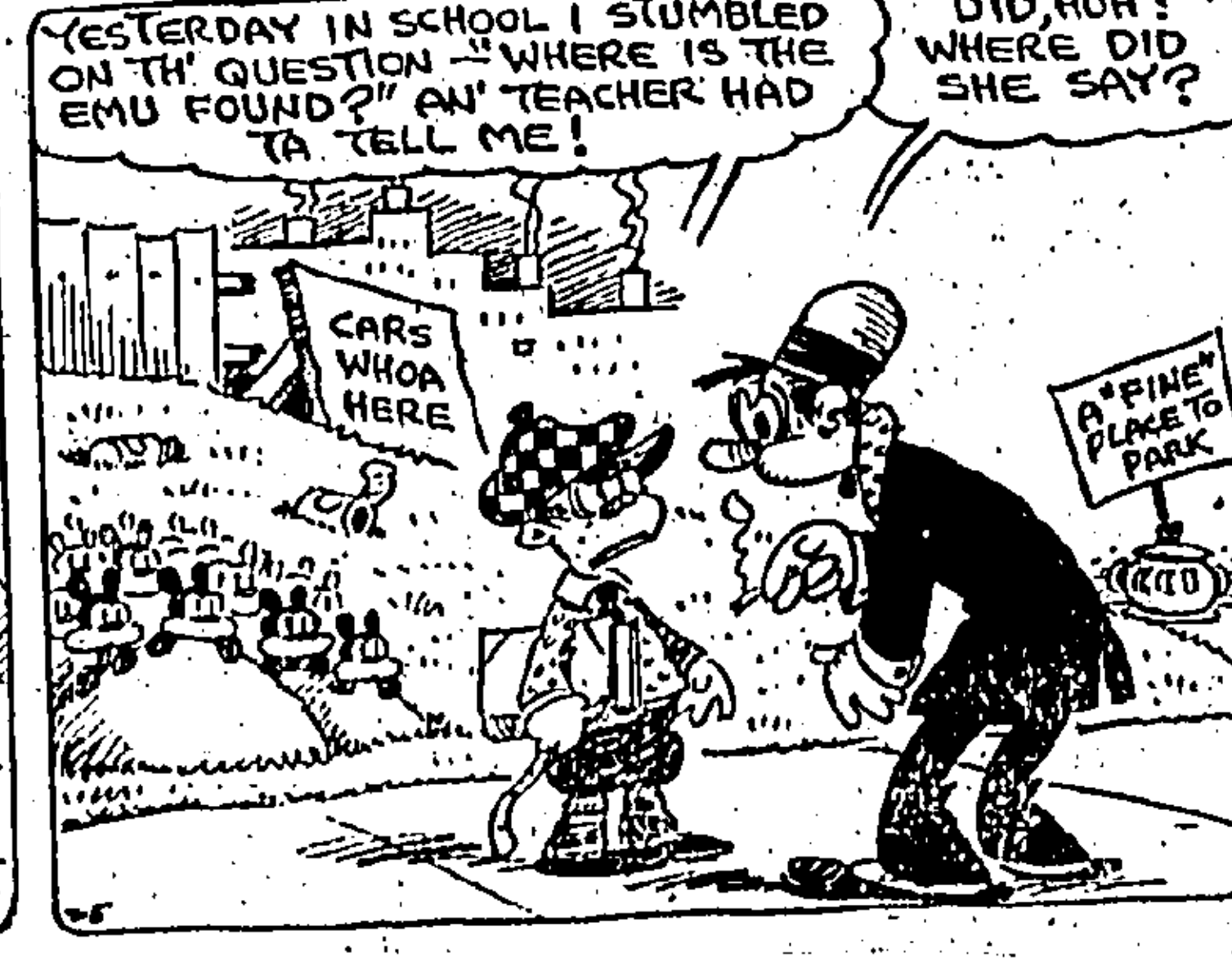
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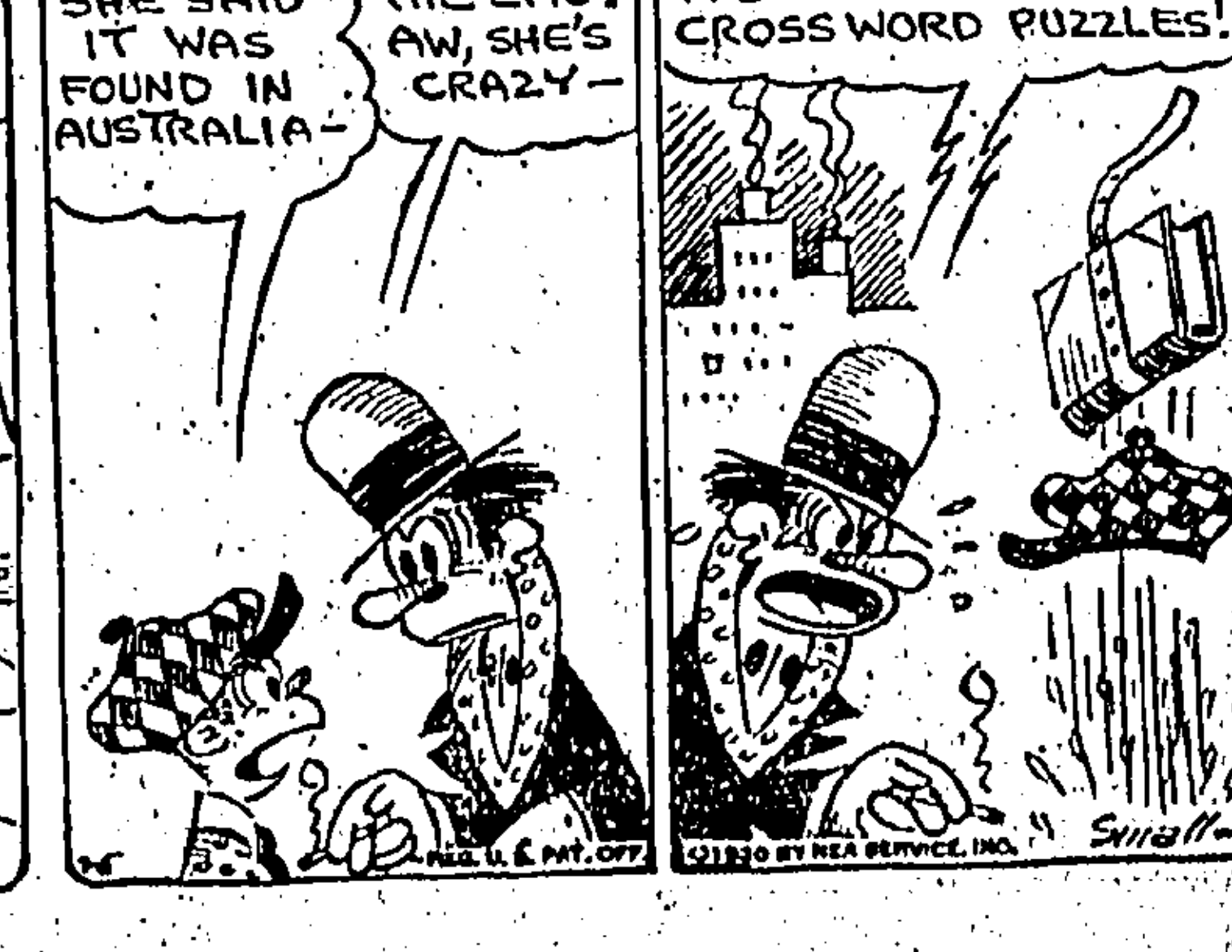
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That's a Bird, Sam!



By Small





Considerable interest was taken in Shanghai in the recent wedding of Miss Ena Marjorie Mason and Mr. Victor M. Allington. Dean Trivett officiated, the ceremony taking place at Holy Trinity Cathedral.



Mr. John Middleton and Miss Valentina D. Marinich, who were wedded in Shanghai recently.



Mrs. Carol Lunt, wife of the editor of the China Digest, and her family.



Lieut. C. Mazzoni, recently appointed to the 103rd Battalion, French Colonial Troops, stationed in Shanghai.



Photo taken in Shanghai recently when Miss Olive Isabell Collishaw became the bride of Mr. David McConnell Mitchell.



Miss Grace Ong and Mr. Feng Chen who were married in Shanghai recently.



Miss Isabelle Lawson, a popular member of Shanghai's younger set.



These winter costumes look comfortable and neat enough, but the Dean of Oklahoma College has banned them for wear in class-rooms.



Winter fun at a mountain resort near Hollywood. The fair sledders are Frances Dee and Rosita Moreno, the movie stars.



Hoses playing on St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Ontario, Canada, where a fire broke out as the result of the accidental overturning of a candle by a parishioner.



British cavalry troops photographed in a village in the Tharrawaddy District where they were searching for fugitive rebels. The latest reports show the uprising to be quelled, though small parties still give trouble.

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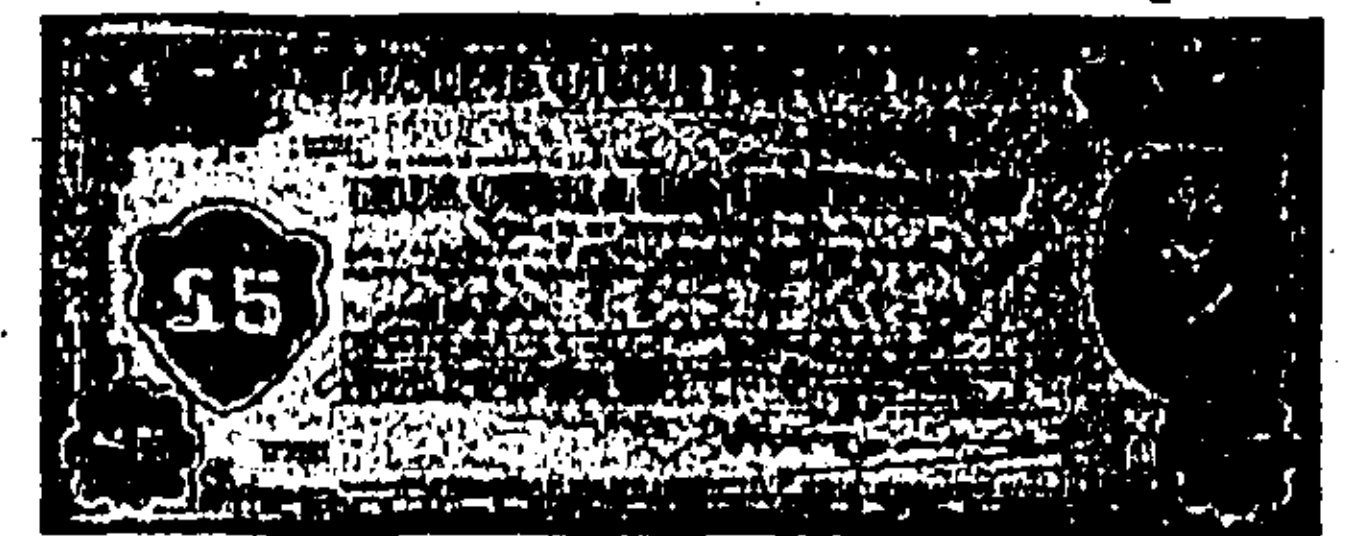
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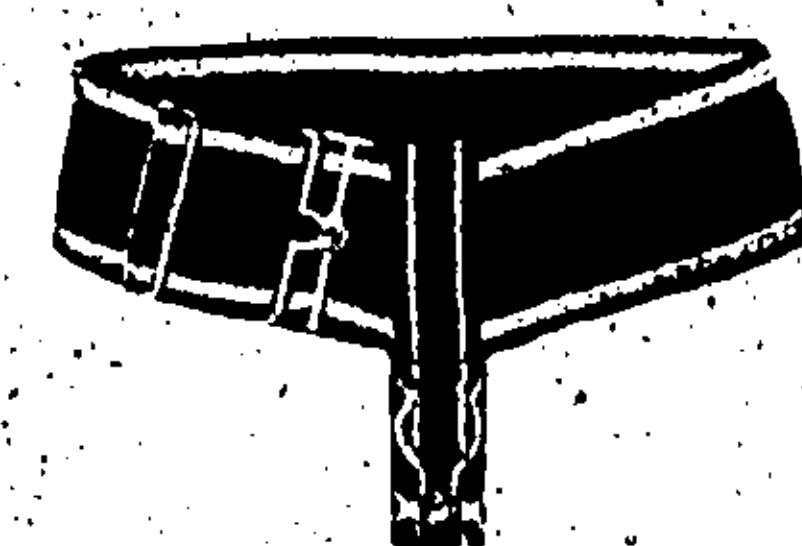
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J. M. M. ALVES,
Hon. Secretary.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 42nd Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 18th day of March, 1931, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 18th March, 1931, to Wednesday, 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
ALLAN KEITH,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 19th February, 1931.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 23rd day of February, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
12	2272	Between Kowloon and Victoria Harbour, at Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hongkong, between Nos. 2272 and 2273, and between Nos. 2273 and 2274, of the Land Registry Office, and between Nos. 2274 and 2275, of the Land Registry Office.	As per plan.	About 5,832	\$98	\$13,330

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MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (Indices \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively), are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for all chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$4.00 per day including tax for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax. Bookmakers, Tie Men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead and Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 28th February 1931, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1930.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday, the 16th February, to Saturday, the 28th February, 1931, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1931.

THE HONG KONG CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders.

The ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 1, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, on Thursday, 5th March, 1931, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and Electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Friday, 20th February, 1931, to Thursday, 5th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period NO transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,

JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1931.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

INTERPORT PROGRAMME.

Saturday, February 21st.

Shanghai v H. K. Chinese
Club Ground, Kick off 3.30 p.m.
Booking at Moutries, opens Friday, 19th.

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Monday, February 23rd.

Shanghai v United Services.
Club Ground, Kick off 2.30 p.m.
No Booking. Price:—\$1.10, 60 cts. and 40 cts. including tax.

W. E. HOLLANDS,
Hon. Secretary.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO. LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Tuesday, the 24th February, 1931, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, 16th February, to Tuesday, 24th February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1931.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Bank of Canton, Limited, will be held at its Head Office at No. 6 Des Voeux Road Central on Saturday the 27th day of March 1931 at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon afterwards as the 20th ordinary yearly meeting of the said Company (which is being held the same day at the same place at 12 o'clock noon), shall be concluded, when the sub-joint Resolution will be proposed:—

That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following:—

(a) By substituting in Article 94 for the figures "104" the figures "105".

(b) By substituting in Article 131 for the word "Five" the word "Nine" in the fourth line thereof.

(c) By substituting in Article 151 for the words "6% out of the annual net profits" in the 9th and 10th lines thereof the words "10% of the balance of the annual net profits after providing a sufficient amount for payment of a dividend at the rate of 6% on the paid-up capital of the Company for the time being."

Should the above mentioned Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting and such meeting will be held on Thursday the 26th day of March 1931 at the same time and place for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit confirming such Resolution as a Special Resolution accordingly.

By Order

LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.

Dated 9th day of February 1931

Bank of Canton Building

Victoria, Hong Kong

Notice is hereby given that the Twentieth Ordinary Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 7th March, 1931, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1930.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th February, 1931, to the 7th March, 1931, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,

LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1931.

Artistic culture is a highly dangerous thing unless it is oxygenated by fresh air from the everyday life, needs, and conditions of our own time.—Mr. J. E. Barton.

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RADIO NOTICES.

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Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 29th Jan.)	Peleus	February 19.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 3rd Feb.)	Yasukuni Maru	February 20.
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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco Jan. 28)	Pres. Monroe	February 21.
Straits	Somali	February 21.
Dairen and Amoy	Tjimanok	February 22.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. 31st Jan.)	Emp. of Russia	February 23.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 30th Jan.)	Pres. Lincoln	February 23.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., Feb. 19, 3 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hiyangang	Fri., Feb. 20, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Yasukuni Maru	Fri., Feb. 20, K.P.O.
	Registration	4.30 p.m.
	Letters	4.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Registration	5 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 19th March.)	
Japan and *Victoria B.C.	Proterclus	Sat., Feb. 21, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Victoria B.C. 17th March.)	
	Hinsang	Sat., Feb. 21, 10.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Fushimi Maru	Sat., Feb. 21, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Somali	Sat., Feb. 21, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Cheong Shing	Sat., Feb. 21, 5 p.m.
*Swatow and Foochow	Hozan Maru	Sun., Feb. 22, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa		
*Japan, Honolulu, *U.S.A., *Canada, *Central and *South America and *Europe via San Francisco	Pres. Grant	Mon., Feb. 23, 4.15 p.m.
	Parcels	4.15 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	(Due San Francisco 18th March.)	
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Pres. Grant	Mon., Feb. 23, 5 p.m.
	Registration	5 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	Empress of Russia	Mon., Feb. 23, 3.30 p.m.

*Shanghai, Japan, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Victoria B.C.

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and when these receive the inevi-
table setback, and youth comes to
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disappointment and disillusion is too
great almost to be borne.At such times it is wise not to
irritate a girl by trying to force her
confidence. If you have won and
kept her love so far, she will tell
you her trouble in her own time.
Even then it will be difficult for you
to "feel" as she is feeling, though
your own past experience will aid
you.

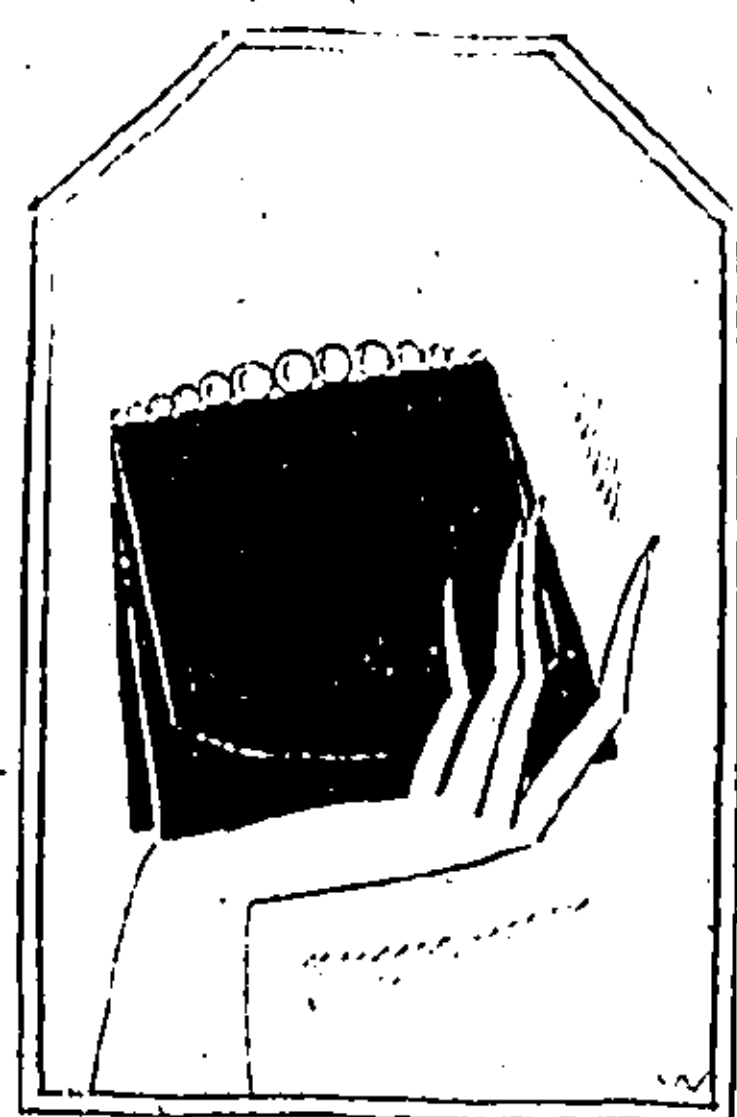
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though, by your sympathy, and also
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sarily weaker than your own. If
you can explain, too (by, maybe,
relating some of your own youthful
experiences) that Time does heal
the deepest wounds, it will be some-
thing for her to "hang on to." A
tiny ray of hope will eventually
pierce the black cloud, for if one's
mother can look back so serenely to
those bitter experiences which she
so sympathetically describes, a
disillusioned daughter will gradually
come to think that "perhaps there's
something in this Time the Healer
business after all." You will help
her more than you realise by loving-
ly letting her know that you've
been through it all yourself.

Moodiness.

Moodiness usually arises from an
acute sensitivity to beauty, and a
constant striving to adjust one's
ideals to the stern realities of life.
It is the clever, thoughtful, and yet
emotional girl who "feels" like this,
and young daughter's apparent in-
ability to content herself with things
as they are, indicates that she
possesses brains, imagination, and
a warm heart. She is likely to be
an "influence" in maturer years,
either in the home or the bigger
world outside, for she will think for
herself, and will not allow this, that,
or the other undesirable state of
affairs to go unchallenged.A girl of mood will be much more
likely to want to improve the exist-
ing order of things, and seriously
"do her bit" later on, towards this
end—than her less sensitive,
easy-going sister, who never carries
you by indulging in "moods."

M.C.

A charming evening bag of
black satin has an amusing
row of graduated pearls
piped at the top.

Importance of Right Jewellery.

On a dull red chiffon dress, pictured upper left, that
owes much of its picturesqueness to a shoulder scarf and
basque, is shown the necklace and bracelet combination,
below, of baguette diamonds and emeralds. The black crepe
evening dress at lower right proves an admirable setting
for the set of jewellery shown above. The necklace, in rows
of rubies, is swung on a delicate platinum chain inset with
diamonds. The brooch, bracelet and earrings also are set
with rubies.

YOUR CHILDREN.

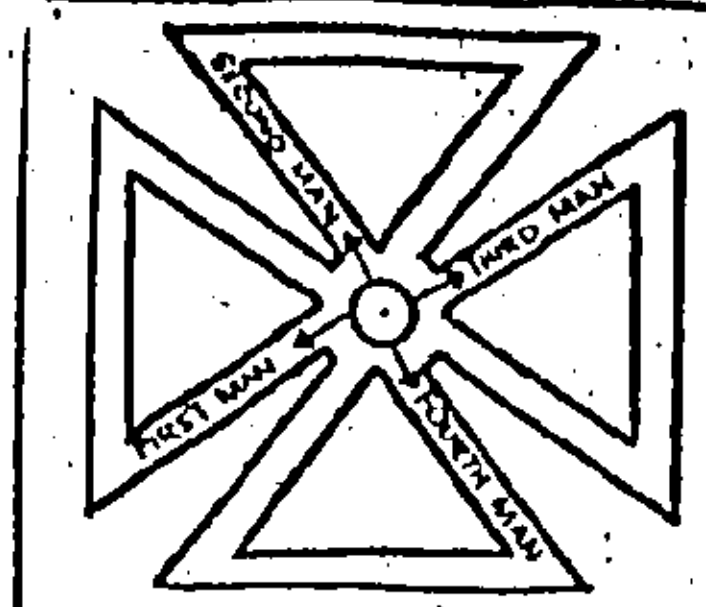
(By Olive Roberts Barton.)

Interest!
The theme to remember in break-
ing up bad habits.But whatever age he is, and whe-
ther his sins are big or little, be
sure that these things have merely
caught his interest before other
legitimate interests are provided.If we want to break children of
mischievous habits, we'll have to
beat their brains to it and see that
they have things of real interest and
many of them to occupy their time.The sooner we recognize the ab-
solute necessity of catching chil-
dren's interest, the better. Schools
don't do it and thereby miss the
greatest factor in teaching that ex-
ists. An interested child will learn
ten times as much in half the time
that he will when he is only bored
and apathetically engaged with his
books.But parents can do it. Interest
need not always be play. But as
far as that goes, all work in play
where we are interested. That is
all the difference there is.Doesn't this sound like better
philosophy than scolding and nag-
ging? Keep the children so busy
they won't have time for break-
overs—so busy they'll forget the
ships, the gunpowder, and even the
cookies and flowers.

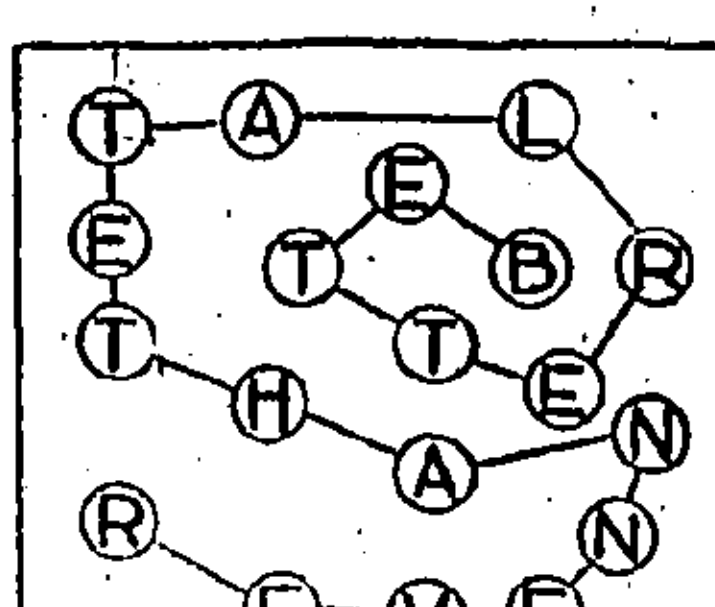
A Wide Variety of Sins.

If Jimmy is younger, he won't try
ships and gunpowder. Perhaps
he'll run off to hunt for a dog, or
get into the cookie, creek, or pull
the neighbour's flowers. Or his sin
may be less positive and the crimes
of mere carelessness.But whatever age he is, and whe-
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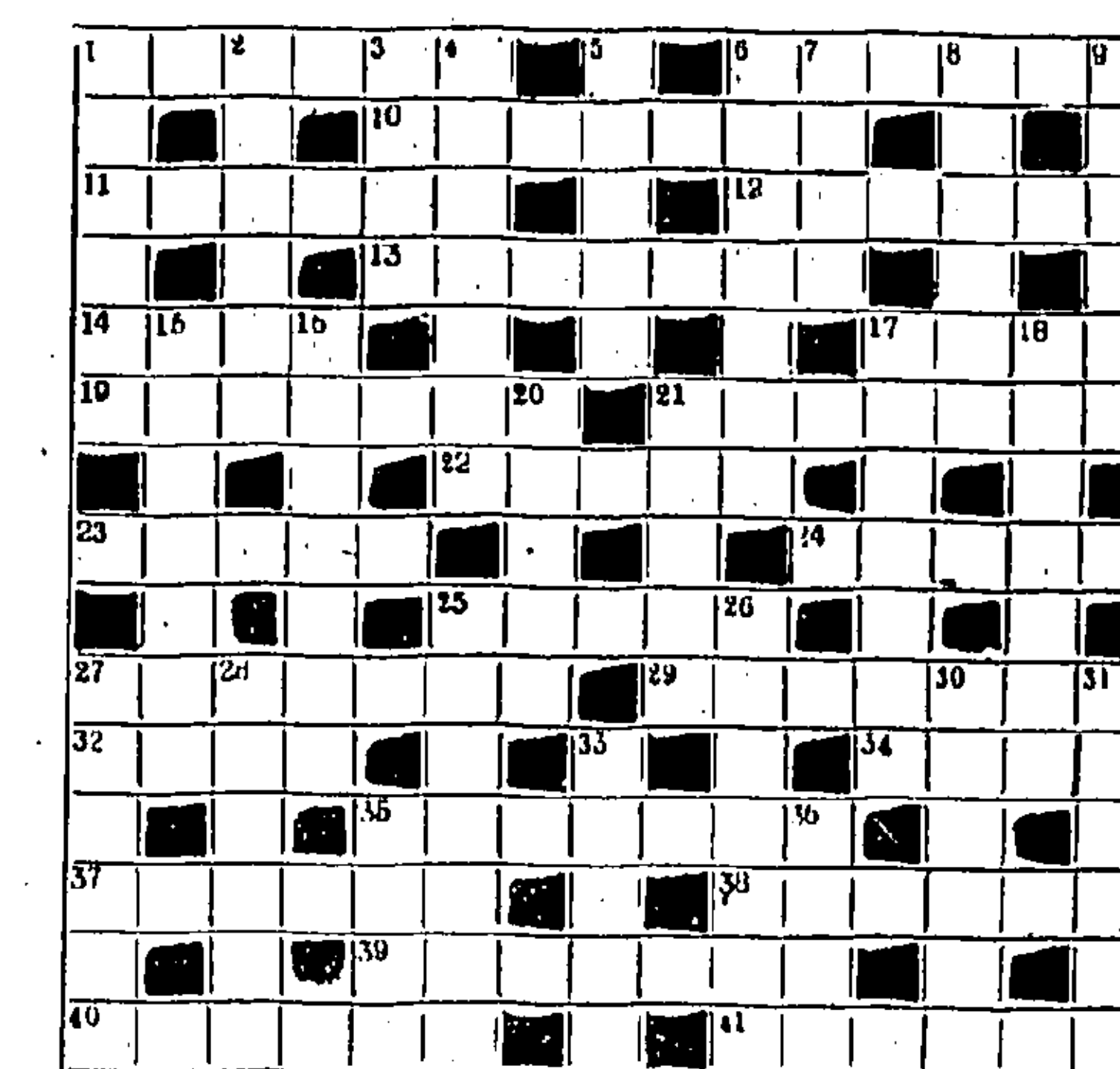
STICKERS

A park was laid out as shown in the
diagram. Four men started walking from
the circle, one around each path. The
first walked two miles per hour, the sec-
ond three miles per hour, the third four
miles per hour and the fourth five miles
per hour. If they started at nine o'clock
in the morning and kept on walking, at
what time would they all meet at the cir-
cle again?

Yesterday's Solution.

By starting at the letter B and going
from one letter to another, in the manner
shown in the diagram, you spell out the
four-word maxim, "Better Late Than
Never." The lines not used are left out
to make the answer simpler to trace.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

- 1 This French boy holds a light.
- 6 A boast; begone!
- 10 Grow old behind a troublesome
weed, and find a berth for the
boat.
- 11 Gone forth, and in good condition
is this equipment.
- 12 Strongly metallic—like the
laughter of the gods.
- 13 This is English spoken across
the Pond.
- 14 A bird.
- 17 Either do it yourself, or allow
me to try my hand (hidden).
- 21 Partly like a friend, but al-
together like a king.
- 23 Often seen at Stamford Bridge.
- 24 "Relay" (anag.).
- 25 Warming.
- 26 A briefer form of 35 Across.
- 28 Plored, in the centre is a
Swedish coin.
- 29 This object of terror does not
rely upon the insect at its head
for its effect.
- 30 On satin (anag.).
- 32 A Hebrew month which is partly
February and partly March, and
mostly feminine.
- 34 Sharp.
- 35 Smirch.
- 37 This matter winds up favourably.
- 38 Behended, this is an easy pace,
but left alone—well anything
may happen.
- 39 "Did rise" (anag.).
- 40 A male hawk.
- 41 Reverse and see some Victorian
receptacles for waste hair.

Down

- 1 This craftsman's heart is full of
love.
- 2 Any rat would seem to yield this
medicinal shrub.
- 3 This god had a noisy end.
- 4 Unskilful yet distinguished.
- 5 Turn a reptile into a dagger.
- 6 These Crosswords test the
solver's mental

DEATH OF ADMIRAL
WINSLOE.FORMER COMMANDER OF
THE CHINA STATION.London, Feb. 18.
The death is announced of
Admiral Sir Alfred Winsloe,
Retier.[Admiral Sir Alfred Leigh
Winsloe, K.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G.,
was born in 1852, and entered the
Navy in 1865. He saw service in
Egypt in 1882, in East Africa in
1890, and commanded H.M.S.
Spartan during the Chinese
Japanese war. He was 4th. Sea
Lord in 1906-10; and was Com-
mander-in-Chief on the China
Station from 1910 to 1913.]

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THURSDAY, FEB. 19, 1931.

FOLLY OF THE WAR DEBTS.

If, as seems most likely, Germany takes an early opportunity to secure a revision of her reparations obligations, we may expect to see the war debt issue again brought to the very forefront of international politics. Slowly but surely, opinion is being crystallized, both in Europe and in the United States, in favour of a complete overhaul of the war debt settlements. Britain is, of course, keenly interested in the matter, but she cannot and will not make any move on her own initiative. Her position has been clear from the start. She has consistently followed the line of paying her obligations in full, although at the same time not seeking more from her debtors than will suffice to foot her bill from the United States. This policy has involved tremendous sacrifices and has placed a huge burden on the taxpayers of the country, the more so since Britain's settlement with America is the most onerous in its terms of any concluded.

To show that financial opinion in England, and in the United States is at one in realising the hardships of the present position, we need only cite recent utterances by Mr. F. C. Goodenough, head of Barclay's Bank, and Mr. Albert H. Wiggin, the Chairman of the Chase National Bank of New York. Mr. Goodenough points out that when it was realised that the debtor countries of the world could not by any means discharge their war debts, as at first arranged, without insolvency and economic chaos as a consequence, Britain, by a voluntary act of unparalleled generosity, undertook not to exact from them more than she might have to pay America. In this way, she cancelled the sum of \$2,550 millions of war debt due to her. This money was definitely and directly lost, but this action on the part of Britain has enabled the debtor nations and their peoples to continue their economic existence. Thereby, Britain and every exporting and trading country has been gaining the benefit to some extent and should gain a greater benefit in the future. The same would happen to America, says Mr. Goodenough, if she were to cancel the war debts due to her, which amount to nearly \$2,400 millions. The gain to her as a great exporting country, through

having solvent customers for her goods, and through the increase of their purchasing power, would be immense. Looking at the matter as a purely business proposition, Mr. Goodenough says there can be no doubt that it would pay. These submissions tally almost to the word with the view of Mr. Wiggin, who recently urged that the United States Government should, "for good business reasons," make a move for the reduction of war debts. He points out that business recovery lags because foreign nations cannot get enough money both to pay the war debts, with interest, and to buy American goods. If the debts are scaled down, America's export trade would inevitably rise. An American journal expressed it, the proposal is simply common-sense, "but there are, unfortunately, plenty of people who cannot see beyond their noses, to whom such a step would smack of charity, altruism and internationalism." Since Mr. Wiggin put forward his plea, it has received a damper in official circles, and reports state that as a consequence of the Government's policy, leading financiers in the States are now less inclined to co-operate with the Hoover Administration.

On the general question of world trade, Germany has to some extent benefited by the fall in prices, owing to the fact that she is a manufacturing country and has to purchase raw materials from abroad. She is, therefore, being forced to rationalise her industries to such a degree that she seems destined to become an even greater competitor with all countries interested in industrial production. As Mr. Goodenough points out, it would answer the world's purposes better if Germany could be relieved of her debt and become a larger importer of foreign goods, as well as an exporter of her own goods. From whatever angle the war debt issue is approached, it becomes increasingly clearer that a readjustment will eventually have to be made. The pity of it is that the fact is not yet appreciated in centres from which action ought to come.

No Escape From the World.

It must be rather disappointing to the mildly ambitious to learn that Mr. Martin Harman will no longer be allowed to coin money for the inhabitants of Lundy Island. It seems a pity because ownership of a remote island has always appeared to be an excellent way of stepping outside this troublesome world and becoming self-sufficient. Islands, it might be contended, were always meant to be diminutive monarchies, and if the individual cannot escape from governments, rules, regulations and the scrutiny of his fellows by going to a lonely island, there can be no limit to the curbing arm of authority. This appeared to be in Mr. Harman's mind some years ago when, after building up a fortune, he purchased Lundy Island, about a thousand acres in extent, lying in the Bristol Channel off the coast of Devon, and set himself up as an island king. The place under his suzerainty appears to have been a delectable spot. Its inhabitants paid no taxes. Its police force consisted of one powerful bailiff, who put down disorder with an iron hand. And Mr. Harman, true to the traditions of a minor monarch, issued coins bearing a likeness of his own image on one side. It was that step, which as recorded, on Saturday last, got him into trouble with the British authorities, the King's Bench Division ruling against him on appeal. Mr. Harman insisted that Lundy Island was a British Dominion and not a part of the British Isles; but the court refused to accept this plea. Mr. Harman thus finds himself, in spite of all his efforts, faced with the ignominy of being a mere British citizen. It was even argued on his behalf that Lundy Island had no legal existence; that it was "outside the world" as far as the law was concerned. The stolidity and matter-of-factness of British legal

DAY BY DAY

A SUSPICIOUS PARENT MAKES AN
ARTFUL CHILD.—Sam Slick.

The P. and O. s.s. Somali, from Singapore, is due here at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

The members of the Club Recreol are reminded of the dance to be held this evening at 9.30 o'clock in honour of their Shanghai friends.

Through slipping whilst climbing a ladder to the cockpit at 11, Percival Street, Koo Yee-to, aged 13, received injuries to his head and died before he could be removed to hospital.

Suffering from injuries to his head received through a fall from his bed, a Chinese Ngau Chuk-wan (32) of 22, Aberdeen Street was removed to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday.

A recent issue of The Tatler gives photographs of Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., and his daughter, Miss J. L. Bird, who both qualified for the "A" certificate of the Hampshire Flying Club on the same day.

Because he had refused his meals he was acting strangely. Cheung Chi, aged 38, of Young Kong, a passenger on the J.C.C.I. Tjerlang from Batavia, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital for observation.

After being ill for some time, a Chinese, of 70, First Street, collapsed during his meal yesterday and was removed to the Government Civil Hospital by his wife. The man's name was given as Cheung Yu, aged 48 years.

An employee of the Wing Cheun Tea shop, of Wanchai, suddenly collapsed and died yesterday, his body being removed to the Public Mortuary. The man was described as Wong Sal-lin, aged 39, of 82, Wanchai Road, ground floor.

A young Chinese student, Leung Kin, of 25, Tung Tau Village, Kowloon City, was attacked and bitten in the leg by a dog which ran out of Tung Tau village yesterday evening. The lad was later taken to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

Whilst disembarking from the Yau-mai Ferry on its arrival at Hongkong yesterday a Chinese, Wong Chin-cheung, of 14, Temple Street, had his left foot crushed between the boat and the pier. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

A Chinese man, whose name and address are unknown, was knocked down by a Kowloon motor bus whilst he was riding a bicycle at the junction of Prince Edward and Nathan Roads, yesterday. He was picked up in an unconscious and serious condition and removed to the Kowloon Hospital.

A dance will be held this evening at the Cheero Club, City Hall, commencing at 8 o'clock. Music will be supplied by "Florida" Band. On Friday evening, at 8.45, a whist drive will be held at the Cheero Club, tickets being 50 cents, including refreshments. All Service Men are cordially welcomed.

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luminaries, much as they appreciated Mr. Harman's points, compelled them to refuse to recognise their validity. It is to be feared that a slump in the remote islands market will result from this decision.



Oh, all books are such bargains now. I just take the first ones I come to.

DETECTIVES IN REAL LIFE AND IN FICTION.

By Cecil Bishop, Late C.I.D., New Scotland Yard.

TO see yourself as others see you is always an interesting experience, and the flood of detective novels which shows no sign of abating has given detectives ample opportunity of reading about themselves. Occasionally I take a "busman's holiday" and read a detective story, although I have yet to find one that is as thrilling as some of the cases which I have investigated. I am sure that as fiction certain cases, in which I have had my life attempted five times in four days, would fall on the grounds of impossibility. Writers of detective stories, I have noticed, studiously avoid any suggestion of coincidence. Yet every detective will tell you that amazing coincidences occur every month. I remember one case on which I was engaged before the war. I knew the criminal, a woman, but failed to find her. Then, when I was lying wounded in hospital, I found that my nurse was no other than this woman.

A year later, when I was again wounded, I was again nursed by this woman, although the second hospital was two hundred miles away. Even that was not the end, for after the Armistice, when I had forgotten all about her, I walked straight into her in Paris. What writer of detective fiction would dare to offer his readers such a remarkable series of coincidences? Yet in real life that happens over and over again.

Twenty years ago detective fiction was full of technical mistakes. Coroners were muddled up with Magistrates, and detectives were made to do things that would have speedily earned them the "sack" at the Yard. To-day, writers show a far greater knowledge of police methods and regulations, but they still make a few mistakes.

Writing of "a detective in plain clothes" is the commonest. Detectives are always in plain clothes and never wear uniform, except as a disguise. What the writer is probably thinking of is a "uniformed man" wearing plain clothes, but he is not a detective. Economical Sleuths.

Perhaps the most amusing feature of detective stories is the lavish way in which detectives spend Government money. If the writers worked for Scotland Yard for a week they would realise that nowhere is economy more drastically enforced. Every penny has to be accounted for, and would be the detective who spends more than a pound a week in obtaining information.

As a result of this, the detective of real life spends a great deal of his time making up accounts and writing reports. I have never known the detective in print sit down and write a report—it is too prosaic. But the C.I.D. man has to sit down every night and write a detailed report of his activities. Nor do the detectives of fiction use typewriters, yet a great asset in the force now, as it simplifies getting out reports. These reports have to be signed and counter-signed many times, and I think a useful hint to the authorities. Many criminals have escaped because the man who was

after them was busy writing in the office, instead of following their trail.

For a considerable time after Sherlock Holmes astonished the world with his deductions, the amateur detective was exceedingly popular in fiction. To-day he is distinctly out of fashion, and most writers acknowledge that an ordinary hard-working detective does sometimes solve a murder problem. But, in order to give their hero "character," they either endow him with some peculiarity, such as whistling at odd moments or dressing in shabby clothes. Peculiarities are fatal to the detective, because they enable his disguise to be seen through by a crook. And detectives are amongst the best dressed men in the country.

On Being Inconspicuous.

When I was helping John Longden with a crook film, he asked me to show him some real detectives. We went to a certain restaurant, near Westminster, and I pointed out to him a number of detectives. "Are those fellows 'tocs'?" he asked. "Why, they are better dressed than I am." In common with most people he imagined that detectives did not worry about dress. As a matter of fact, they are scrupulously careful, always wear the correct clothes, be they morning coat or "tails," for it is important that they should never be noticed in a crowd.

But perhaps the most amazing thing about detectives in print is that they are invariably engaged in murder cases. At the "Yard" there is only a comparatively small squad engaged on murder, for it is a rare crime. I should think that in print some three thousand murderers are hanged every year. But in London, for instance, the average number of real murders is only about 28 a year. Murder seems to be the only really interesting crime, yet my most fascinating cases have not been trailing murderers, but catching confidence tricksters and finding kidnapped girls.

The writer of detective fiction has, of course, many artificial restrictions imposed upon him. He must make his story move quickly and read interestingly. Therefore he cannot describe the taking of statements, yet this is probably the most important part of a detective's work. In the Crippen case on which I worked over 1,000 statements were taken from different people, and Crippen was caught by the merest fluke.

Extradition Difficulties.

I always envy the detective of fiction the ease with which they catch their man in Paris or Monte Carlo and bring him back to London. Actually the extradition laws make this a long and tedious business, and I always wonder that no one has written a story based on the case of the financier, Jabez Balfour, who escaped to Argentina, with which we had no extradition treaty. That great detective Frankie Crook went out in disguise, lured Balfour on board a liner, kidnapped him, and then arrested him outside the three mile limit.

It is often forgotten that British detectives do not, except on rare occasions, carry firearms. A Scotland Yard man has to apply for permission to carry a revolver, and give very definite reasons for believing that its use will be necessary. This is another formality often overlooked in print.

But perhaps the greatest difference between the man in print and the detective in real life is his methods. The real detective usually plays no active part at the time of the crime. He has to find out what has happened. The detective in fiction more often has to find out what is happening, and there are usually some very good clues lying about. This is inevitable.

And this I would say; the greatest writer of detective fiction falls lamentably when asked to do a bit of detection in real life, while the greatest detective cannot spin a really good piece of fiction. Several great writers have tried their hands at detection and discovered nothing—the problems are utterly different from anything in print because of the detail involved. On the other hand, the great detective is often so obsessed with truth to real life and detail that he cannot write a good story.

FIGHT WITH A BIG SNAKE.

LIKE others who live in the Tropics I have often had adventures with snakes, big and little, but my most recent one (Continued on Page 7.)

SLAVE TRAFFIC IN
RED SEA.QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE
OF COMMONS.

BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE.

London, Feb. 18. Asked, in the House of Commons to-day, if the Government has made any further representations to the Republic of Liberia on the recent League of Nations Commission's report on labour conditions, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, said they were not necessary.

The League Council had set up a Committee to examine how best to assist the Liberian Government in this matter.

He was Chairman of the Committee, which was meeting in London on February 26th.

In reply to another question regarding the shipping of slaves in the Red Sea, he said two naval sloops were stationed there to prevent the slave traffic from Africa to Arabia. Otherwise no steps had been taken recently. The question, however, was under consideration.

Mr. Henderson also said he hoped shortly to make a statement on the information available on the subject of slavery, to be furnished to the League in accordance with the resolutions of the Eleventh Assembly.

RE-ENTER "BIG BILL."

ANOTHER WICKED
BRITISH PLOT.

New York, Jan. 24. The only celebrity in America who is not bewildered by the contradictions of the Wickersham Report on Prohibition is "Big Bill" Thompson, of Chicago, who ascribes the Report to British intrigue, declaring that Britain will not permit America to abandon Prohibition because she is getting so rich selling Americans rotten booze at three times its worth.

A storm has broken out over allegations that President Hoover induced the Wickersham Commission to tear up the original report in which it recommended the sale of liquor under Government control and to substitute a report dictated by himself, in which Prohibition was upheld.

The evidence in support of the theory that the President persuaded the Commissioners to sign a report that was contrary to their judgment is too strong to be ignored, and this afternoon virtually every political correspondent here accuses Mr. Hoover of interfering at the last moment to prevent the Commissioners from recommending immediate revision of the Eighteenth Amendment.

Senator Millard Tydings introduced into the Senate this afternoon a resolution directing Mr. Wickersham to explain the contradictions in the report and to state whether there was outside interference.

Examination of the documents issued to-day shows without a shadow of doubt that the Commission did originally draw up a report in favour of revision of the law. There are actually references to it in the reports of individual members. One member of the Commission stated to-day that seven out of the eleven members intended the report to recommend immediate legalised sale of intoxicants under Government control.

White House refused to make any comments on these allegations.

It is said that an angry scene in the Commission followed Mr. Hoover's intervention and that one famous lawyer member was so angry that he hurled his chair from one end of the room to another.

FANLING NEW YEAR
GOLF.TIE FOR FIRST PLACE IN
BOGEY POOL.

The results of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's China New Year Meeting were as follows:

In the Bogey Pool, L. R. Andrews (4) and R. K. Hepburn (8) tied for first place, three up. W. N. Buyers (13), one up, won the third prize. Other scores were J. R. Collis (18) and A. F. Judd (16), one up; A. Leach (10) one down; L. G. S. Dodwell (6) two down; J. E. Dovey (16) and I. Newton (6) three down. There were 107 entries. The third prize was decided by lot.

In the Medal round, Dr. J. E. H. Cogan 78-5=73 wins. Other scores were L. G. S. Dodwell 85-6=79 and R. Young 85-6=79. There were thirteen entries.

H.M. and Mrs. Roffey, four down, won the mixed foursomes, for which there were 18 entries.

THE BOOKSHELF.

THE STORY OF CHINA'S
REVOLUTION.

Of works on China by foreign writers, the number is legion. The latest to see the light of day is "New Lamps for Old" by Anatol M. Koteney (North China Daily News and Herald, Shanghai, Mex. \$10). This book will be welcomed for two reasons—first, because it gives in greater detail than any other we have encountered the story of the rise of national consciousness in China; secondly, because an attempt is made to look at the issues largely from the Chinese viewpoint. The author describes his work as a text-book of a revolution, an interpretation of events in modern China and a venture to indicate whither they lead.

We get the angle of the author in his foreword, in which he says that a knowledge of politico-economic facts and exact statistics does not constitute true knowledge of the Chinese people. The very structure of the Chinese mind, which makes the Chinese assimilate facts in a manner quite different from Westerners, requires, we are told, a knowledge of reactions rather than actions, and consequences rather than events. The author submits that only a method of historical research based on this principle will bring the West nearer to a true understanding of the East.

"New Lamps for Old" starts from the hundred days of reform initiated by the Emperor, Kuang Hsu, in 1898, and we are taken right through the story of China's national life up to the present day. The tale is well told, with a wealth of annotations which give chapter and verse for the developments which have occurred. The birth of the Republic, China's part in the Great War and the Moscow-Canton alliance are related with due regard to historical accuracy. Dealing with the Soviet's attempt to impose Communism on the Chinese people, we are told that China was invited to adopt Communism in the form which it had assumed in Russia, being deprived of the possibility of working out her own theories and methods, suitable to her national character and the peculiar conditions of China. This, says the author, was the greatest mistake and the gravest blunder ever committed by the Soviet. These ideas of Socialism and Communism proved to be powerless in China and collapsed at the first clash with Chinese actuality. They shared the same fate of other western ideas which were unable to adapt themselves to practicality. The author places Christianity amongst these ideas, saying it has always remained a foreign idea in China. He goes further and declares that in the course of the eventful year, 1927, there was no instance in which the force of the anti-Christian movement was broken by the moral force of Christianity.

The concessions made by the Powers to Chinese national feeling are related at length, and the writer concludes that there is every indication that possibly in the present generation China will succeed in casting off the last few links, more imaginary than real, that create in her a sense of inferiority among the nations of the world. "Whether peace and wisdom or dissension and war will gain the ascendancy when China is once more left to stand alone will be one of the great issues of the twentieth century."

"New Lamps for Old" is a bulky tome, betokening much studious research and revealing a close understanding of the Chinese outlook. It deserves a place amongst standard works on China, even if some of the conclusions will be disputed by those accustomed to look at China's problems from the orthodox Western angle.

The Metric System.

"The Mischief-Working Metric System" is the title of a little booklet by E.T.C. Werner, formerly of the British consular service in China, and published by the Shanghai Times, Shanghai. Its title is sufficient to indicate the attitude of its author, who believes that the greatest assistance to the ordinary transactions of daily life, which constitute the bulk of the world's commercial transactions, is furnished, not by the metric system, but by the minuter sub-divisions supplied by the duodecimal system.

Much of the booklet comprises the reprint of a Press controversy which the author had in 1927 with a protagonist of the metric system, in which the issue was fought out with considerable warmth of feeling. The main point which Mr. Werner makes, apart from his sturdy defence of the duodecimal system, is that in no case has the metric system been adopted by the choice of the people, being merely forced on them by Government command. He fears that the world will be

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED
QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar markets yesterday has been received by Messrs. Penfrenth and Co.

London Terminals.

March 5/11 no change.
May 6/2½ up ¼d.
August 6/5½ up ¼d.
December 6/9½ up ¼d.

New York Terminals.

March 1/20 no change.
May 1/30 no change.
July 1/38 no change.
September 1/46 down 2 pts.
December 1/64 no change.

New York 17/2/31. — Messrs. Lamborn & Co. Inc. estimate world's production 1930/1931 in tons of 2240 lbs. 28,768,000; world's consumption 27,226,000, against actual figures for previous year 27,690,000 and 26,374,000. The above estimates represent an increase of 1,078,000 tons in production and 852,000 tons in consumption and surplus, therefore estimated 1930/31, 1,542,000; actual 1929/30, 1,316,000; increase, 226,000.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Friday.	Yesterday.
Geneva	25.15	25.17½
Paris	123.06½	123.03½
Berlin	20.45	20.45
Oslo	18.16½	18.16½
Helsingfors	193½	193
Buenos Aires	35.7/16	35.15/16
Athens	376	376
Shanghai	1/17½	1/17½
New York	48.37/32	48.53/32
Amsterdam	12.10½	12.10½
Stockholm	18.13½	18.13½
Vienna	34.60½	34.59½
Madrid	50.00	48.35
Montevideo	817	817
Montevideo	34	32½
Hongkong	103	103
Brussels	34.88	34.86½
Milan	92.84½	92.82½
Copenhagen	18.16½	18.16½
Prague	164½	164½
Lisbon	108.25	108.25
Rio	47/32	47/32
Bombay	2/0 17/32	2/0 17/32
Yokohama	1/5½	1/5½
Silver (spot)	12½	12½
(forward) 12	12½	12½

—British Wireless.

CONSTABLE'S SALUTE.

CITY POLICE INQUIRY.

A special inquiry is to be made into the case of a City policeman who, recently, did not give the usual salute to the Commissioner of the City Police, Sir Hugh Turnbull. It is stated that the officer was engaged on traffic duty at the time.

In the ordinary course, neglect to salute is dealt with as a matter of routine discipline and the punishment is usually decided upon by the officer's immediate superiors at the station to which he is attached. As a general rule reprimands are given.

Police orders are that a policeman should salute every superior officer from the rank of inspector upwards and that these higher officials must salute a commissioner.

compelled permanently to suffer the disadvantages of one imperfect system instead of enjoying and profiting from the combined advantages of both.

Silver and the Dollar.

At a moment when the question of the possible reform of Hongkong's currency is engaging much attention, there is much of value and interest in a little booklet entitled "Silver and the Dollar," compiled by Mr. James Dalziel, M.L.Mech.E., of Hongkong, and published by the Newspaper Enterprise, Ltd.

There is an introductory chapter on silver, followed by further chapters on production and consumption, these being supplemented by tabulated statements giving details of the world production by countries, world consumption in 1929 and China's consumption.

The compiler has refrained from giving his views on the adoption of a gold standard for Hongkong, but he reaches the conclusion, with which most people will agree, that owing to the extreme fluctuations in terms of gold, silver is no longer a safe basis for a currency, or even for a means of barter, by weight. Its use places a burden of intelligent anticipation on a trading community that can never be justified by results.

Mr. Dalziel thinks that for the world's financiers to allow silver to sink unimagined depths and stay there indefinitely, is to argue them barren of financial imagination and ingenuity to an extent not justified by the brains of present-day civilisation.

A most interesting little booklet, nicely printed and well worth the fifty cents asked for it.

NEW HAIG STATUS.

"ART-TO-ORDER"
FAILS.

Unless public interest has by now turned to apathy, another controversy is likely to break out in the new model for the Haig statue, now completed by Mr. Alfred Hardiman, is placed on view for everyone to see.

There is a marked difference between it and the original model, which was bitterly criticised by horse experts, sticklers for uniform accuracy, and hundreds of people who carried different mental photographs of Earl Haig as they knew him.

Both models, together with a plaster head of the Field-Marshal, were displayed for comparison recently against a brown screen in the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords.

The new horse is a slender creature, with a remarkably long neck and a square-cropped tail which breaks off what rhythm there is just "nowhere."

A Real Sam Browne. Earl Haig wears a real Sam Browne, this time on the correct shoulder, and is not holding his cap. The horse's leather trapplings are "all present and correct"; the rider is somewhat slimmer and more youthful.

But the total, which should be displayed complete with its plint, is more of a compromise than ever. The more realistic the work is to be, the greater the equine knowledge required—and Mr. Hardiman is primarily an artist. Art is not, fundamentally, a matter of exact representation, and when a sculptor is practical, he is told to express himself via other people's ideas, the result is bound to be neither one thing nor the other.

Horsemanship Critics. To a horsemanship, the new animal will be an unsatisfactory as the last, while the sculptor has lost what he previously achieved—a certain amount of rhythm and symbolism.

Earl Haig's right hand is supposed to be resting on his right thigh; actually, it is too much to the side to receive any support. We can have aesthetics or photography, but it should be one or the other—carried out by entirely different people.

FIGHT WITH A BIG
SNAKE.

(Continued from Page 6.)

counter was the worst of all and I shall not soon forget it.

For the last six weeks we have been pestered by the weekly visits of a large snake. It comes in the small hours of the morning crushes and swallows a hen, then goes away to digest it.

The other night I was sleeping lightly at about midnight when I heard a terrible squawking from the hen house. I leapt out of bed, seized a big electric torch and a heavy walking stick, and ran barefoot out to the garden. The "boy" then appeared lurking with him a ten foot pole.

We opened the door to the open air hen-run, and I flashed the lamp around. Ten feet away I saw a horrible sight. A pyramid of constricted coils as thick as the calf of my leg was standing beside the hen-house, and from it protruded the leg of a hen, the few feathers visible splashed with blood. A narrow, wicked head protruded from the mound, and the glassy eyes glared steadily at us.

The stick in my hand shrank to the dimensions of a straw, for I recognised that the hardest blow from it would be useless.

Suddenly, the snake relaxed its crushing grip on the miserable fowl, and about eight feet of thin snake glided out of the obscure coil. I yelled to the boy to hit, and he delivered one or two smashing blows, which only broke the pole. The snake flung itself backwards with an undulating plunge, drove its head against the wire netting, found a weak spot, and burst a way through. I thrashed at it wildly with my stick as it streamed through the hole it had made, but it was hopeless to expect to break its backbone with anything but an iron bar. One part of its body seemed to be nearly as thick as my thigh as it flattened on the ground, and it appeared to be 14 to 16 feet long; but I may have been mistaken in the excitement of the moment and in the poor light of the torch.

I have an eight foot iron bar behind my bedroom door now, and am mighty eager to get my own back on the horrible beast. You have no idea what a beastly sight it was. I was so upset by the whole incident that I could not think of anything else for an hour. I couldn't sleep for gilding, crushing coils.

There are enormous snakes in this part of the world. One, whose skin, 16 feet long, I preserved, gave me a fright. I thought I had killed the monster, and I was holding one end of the moribund beast and another man the other. It suddenly contracted and flung us aside like feathers. I would not like either to be struck on the chest by one of these mon-

SHAMEEN FOOTBALL
LEAGUE.CICALA SPRING SURPRISE
ON MOORHEN.

Shameen, Feb. 16. In a League match played here on Saturday, the lowly-placed Cicala scored a surprise victory over H.M.S. Moorhen. Hitherto Cicala had only obtained four points for eight matches played, while Moorhen were eleven points for the same number of matches and were the only team in a position to obtain a possible fifteen points.

Cicala winning the toss elected to defend the eastern goal, and soon after the kick-off were dangerous in front of their opponent's goal, forcing two corners in succession, both of which Moorhen were lucky to clear. Moorhen forwards seemed to lack their usual dash and to be unable to develop anything like the combination that was outstanding in their earlier games. Throughout the whole of the first half the game swung back and forth with Cicala having the better of the exchanges. Shortly before half-time, McKissack opened the score for Cicala with a shot that gave the goalie no chance.

After the change over, Moorhen got together and kept up a strong pressure in the Cicala half. A stinging shot from Munro was well held by the Cicala goalie but only partially cleared when Breeds sent in a second, in clearing which the goalie was penalised for carrying. The free-kick was entrusted to Watkins, who sent in a first-timer to put the Moorhen on terms. A few minutes later, Cicala broke away for Breeds to put them in the lead with a rising shot that grazed the under side of the bar and broke the net. From this until the final whistle, Moorhen were in their opponents' territory continuously and always dangerous. They were unfortunate in not sharing the points.

The following teams were lined up under Mr. P. Youngusband: Cicala. — Crawford, Pinder, Hicks, Rudling, Rees, Williams; McKissack, Harris, Rander, Domony, Lowings; Moorhen. — Griffiths, Morgan, Kendall, Hinchcliffe, Lee-Marson, Tann, Watkins, Breeds, Munro, Ah Wing, Lieut. Brownrigg. — Our Own Correspondent.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$2170 b.
Chartered Bank, \$16½ n.
Mercantile A. & B., \$23½ n.
East Asia \$120 n.

Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$1310 n.
Union Ins., \$650 n.
North China Ins., \$150 b.
China Underwriters, \$3.60 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Fire, \$625 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1310 n.

Shipping.
Douglases, \$23½ s.
H. K. Steamboats, \$27 n.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$30 n.
Union Waterboats, \$37 s.

Mining.
Benguets, \$10½ n.
Kallans, \$8/6 b.
Shai Explorations, \$15 2½ n.
Raub, \$39 b.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$171 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$30 b.
South China Motors \$10 n.
China Providents, \$5.35 b. (old).
Hongkew, \$1272 b.
New Engineers, \$15 5½ b.
Shanghai Docks, \$105 b.

Cottons.
Ewo Cotton, \$15 b.
Shai Cottons, \$15 9½ (old) n.
Landa, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$12.90 s.
H. K. Land, \$84½ b.
Shai Land \$132 b.
Humphreys, \$17.15 n.
Realities, 9.55 b.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$17.50 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14½ n.
Star Ferries, \$91 s.
China Lights, (old) \$25.35 b.
H. K. Electric, \$80½ s.
Telephones, \$41 b.
China Buses, \$19 n.
Singapore Tractions, 6/6 s.

Industrials.
China Sugars, 80 cts. n.
Malabons, \$35 b.
Canton Ices, \$3.60 n.
Cements (Comb) \$17.10 b.
Ropes, \$14 b.
Venz Goldfields \$3.60 b.

Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms, \$26.20 n.
Watson, \$12.80 b.
Lar A. Wings, \$4 n.
Dane Crawford, \$1 n.
MacIntosh, \$20 b.
Sincere, \$12½ n.

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$26½ n.
Constructions, \$5.20 n.
B'quo Ind. G. Bonds, \$60 % n.
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SHANGHAI GAIN A WELL EARNED VICTORY.

HONGKONG'S FAILURE IN THE SOCCER INTERPORT.

GASH'S INSPIRATION.

THREE GOALS IN TEN MINUTES TURN THE TABLES.

By "Wanderer."

The apt phrase to epitomize Shanghai's brilliant, richly earned victory in yesterday's interport soccer match, with its somewhat sensational finish, does not occur to mind readily. It was a game full of great things and cradles strangely mixed, and requiring a little more time properly to digest. One can only be sure of one thing, that the result did not do Hongkong an injustice. They had their share of bad luck, it is true, as witness the occasion near the end when Gosano, striving for an equaliser, headed against the cross-bar with Chow hopelessly beaten, but that was a detail; the all-important fact in this match was Hongkong's inability to get a grip on the game after establishing a lead of 3 goals to 1 with only twenty minutes remaining for play.

In this, as it happens, lies most of the story. With Shanghai undismayed, playing indeed as though they were leading instead of in arrears, giving of their last ounce, it was a situation calling for generalship, not necessarily for a master footballer, but for a leader, and there was no-one capable of sounding an effective rally call. The defenders battled gallantly in their own particular ways, up to a point, but the co-operation demanded was missing. Stability, which would have ensured the victory in Hongkong's grasp, there was none.

Shanghai's Teamwork.

But even conceding how great was the opportunity offered to Hongkong by the circumstances, one had to be satisfied with the result because Shanghai were so obviously the better side. Their defence came with a big reputation; individually and collectively it surpassed every expectation. Not only were the defenders a brilliant cohesive force but there was cleverness and artistry in almost everything they did. The forwards were not of the same breed. Ball control was anything but a strong point with them, but they had this virtue, a keen realisation of the whereabouts of goal allied with readiness to work and work again. In all, there was a unity about the whole side which does the highest possible credit to the captaincy of Stanley Gash, who inspired his men by example as well as precept, giving what must have been one of the greatest displays of his career.

Another point which struck one most forcibly the game through was the difference in team spirit. Every man on the Shanghai side went into the game with a fervour to be met by equal enthusiasm and determination. The majority of the Hongkong players appeared to have no more zest for the game than had it been another of those tiresome trial matches. The net result of this was a foregone conclusion. Shanghai appeared to be yards faster on the ball. Time and again their players came from "nowhere" to intercept or dispossess when Hongkong players stood waiting for the ball to come to them or were dallying too long. This difference, too, may be attributed to leadership, or lack of it.

Shanghai Score First.

Shanghai opened the scoring four minutes from the start, after Clark had twice saved from Collaco. A corner on the left was wonderfully placed by Graham and Clark in a desperate effort to save turned the ball into the net.

The cheering had hardly died away when a free kick was given against Gash just outside the penalty area and Chow misjudged Hedley's wonderful shot. Another great shot by Hedley caused Chow to extend himself a few minutes later. Shanghai returned with a series of lively rush attacks, swinging the ball from wing to wing in great style, keeping Strange and Li Tin-sang on the run. Widmore had a good chance and struck the bar with Clark beaten, and Pote-Hunt did precisely the same thing. Shanghai swarmed round Clark, but their forwards lacked finish,

and the next goal fell to Hongkong. A burst on the right, a melee in the goalmouth, a great shot by B. Gosano, a certain scorer but for Martin's intervention. He was adjudged to have handled and A. V. Gosano made no mistake from the spot.

Hongkong's Chance.

Thus at half-time, Hongkong held an undeserved lead of 2-1 and they proceeded to consolidate this advantage by their best play of the day soon after the interval. Ip Pak-wa swung the ball up the middle, Gosano successfully hampered Martin in his clearance and slipped the ball to Fung King-cheung who flashed the ball past Chow's left hand. The Shanghai goalkeeper slipped just as he was about to make his dive for the ball.

At this stage, Shanghai must have come to the conclusion that their luck was "dead out." If they did, the only sign was a still harder striving. Pote-Hunt, Gash and Costa got right on top of the Hongkong attack and for the rest of the game almost the visitors were proving what a brilliant goalkeeper Clark is. Pote-Hunt's constructive genius showed through it all. He made Widmore's goal—a brilliant shot—and he made Graham's, which brought the teams level. Strange was badly at fault with this one, Graham eluding a tackle on the wrong side with the greatest of ease and scoring with a fast oblique drive.

Shanghai on Top.

There was no real fight for the winning goal. Shanghai continued to dominate the game. Clark saved superbly on several occasions, by running out and kicking or sweeping the ball from the toes of the Shanghai forwards, but he had no chance when Li Tin-sang let Collaco through to give Sinclair the ball unmarked, close-in. Li Tin-sang got back in time to challenge, but Sinclair made no error.

Near the end, there appeared to be a case of hands against Shanghai in the penalty area. One of the linesmen, in fact, was waving for the infringement, but one felt glad that it escaped the notice of the referee. Hongkong did not deserve to save the game. Only Clark had prevented Shanghai from making their victory more emphatic.

Hongkong's Weaknesses.

It would be an easy thing, in assessing this game, to laud the Shanghai players to the skies and to condemn the majority of the Hongkong players to the nethermost regions, but it would not be quite fair. The Hongkong team disappointed undoubtedly, but they did their best and if it was not a good best this was not entirely the fault of the players. Segalen and Strange came in for the most criticism after the match, without entire justification. To be candid, I think both did almost as much as could be expected of them. Segalen was too slow to keep up with the Hongkong attack, he was easily robbed, and facing Costa, a brilliant half-back, he was subdued. On his form in the trials, it was to have been expected. The same with Strange. He had never played alongside Li Tin-sang before. Few people really believed him likely to back up Hedley in the stopping of the lively Shanghai left wing. Hedley was running between Graham and Widmore while Strange looked on. There was a yawning gap between the Hongkong backs for the greater part of the game. Good positioning would have saved every one of those last three goals. Yet both Strange and Li Tin-sang did extremely fine work as individuals.

The greatest Hongkong disappointment was the failure of the forwards, yet one can hardly criticise their methods, except in one particular, that the inside men only half did their job. They did not go back to forage for themselves, which was the more necessary on a day when their half-backs were too harassed to place their passes with accuracy. Their failure in other directions, their badly-timed passing, kick and run tactics, were the result

of the finest defensive exhibition seen in Hongkong for many a day. Demons for Work.

These Shanghai men were not only demons for work, but their judgment was superb. Gash, in the pivotal position, tied A. Gosano up hand and foot. Not once in the whole game was he beaten in a tackle, and his headwork was masterly. Pote-Hunt, with Monroe behind him, did not concede an inch to the Hongkong left wing of which so much was expected, while Segalen's failure made B. Gosano an easy mark for Costa and Martin. Above all, not one of them allowed his individualism to obtrude to the destruction of cohesion.

Constructively, the Shanghai half-backs were equally successful. No forward line could have failed to shine with such splendid support. Graham was the most impressive forward. Widmore worked well, and Collaco and Sinclair were always alive to the main chance, while Elliott gave a capital exhibition after the interval. Monroe was the better of two excellent backs. His kicking, tackling and positioning were perfect. His methods reminded one somewhat of Paddy Wynne at his zenith.

Apart from Clark, there was only one department of the Hongkong team that justified itself, the half-back line. Hedley, Lam Yuk-ying, and Yeoman fought a great losing battle. They had the Shanghai attack well held for three-fifths of the game, they all worked so well and with such success that the weakness behind was clearly exposed, and this weakness, no doubt, contributed largely to the fact that so many of their passes went astray. It is difficult to be harassed and accurate.

Too Much Whistle.

The game was not productive of high-grade football. It was exciting rather than skilful. The forward work of both sides was extremely scrappy for the most part, Hongkong being least impressive. Some excuse, however, may be accorded to the players in that there was far too much interruption for the most trivial offences. When Mr. Archer began whistling up for mild infringements, one took it to be a little object lesson for the benefit of the players, to establish his control, but when he continued, it was out of all reason. On one occasion he penalised Widmore for hands when the ball caught his heel and then his swinging hand. Widmore could not see the ball, far less handle it intentionally. With so much whistle, the players may be excused for some failure to settle down.

Monroe, Pote-Hunt, Gash and Graham were the giants of the Shanghai team. Clark, Hedley and Yeoman were the most impressive Hongkong players.

The teams were:

Hongkong:—Clark, Strange, Li Tin-sang, Hedley, Lam Yuk-ying, Yeoman, B. Gosano, Segalen, A. V. Gosano, Fung King-cheung and Ip Pak-wa.
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This was made the occasion of a farewell tiffin to Mr. and Mrs. W. F.

Gilman, who are leaving Canton after some seven years' association. Mr. William Galloway, in a short speech, said the Club were very deeply indebted to Mr. Gilman for his untiring efforts as a Committee member, the results of which, the improvements to both house and grounds, were a far more eloquent testimonial than anything he could put into words. The Club were about to suffer the loss of a very keen member and a very able golfer in Mr. Gilman, and it was his very pleasant duty to ask Mrs. Gilman to accept a small token as a mark of the Club's esteem and respect.

Mr. G. W. Greene heartily seconded Mr. Galloway's remarks, after which a silver tray was presented to Mrs. Gilman. Mr. Gilman replied suitably. —Our Own Correspondent.

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CHAPTER XXXVIII.

"I'd give a good deal to know which of those two suggested that it would be a good idea to get married the first thing this morning," Dundee mused aloud, as he put down the second 'extra' which *The Hamilton Morning News* had had occasion to issue that Thursday.

It was two o'clock, and Dundee sat across the desk from Captain Strawn, in his former chief's office in police headquarters. The first extra had screamed in its biggest head type: Second Bridge Dummy Murder! and had carried, in detail, Captain Strawn's comforting theory that Dexter Sprague's erstwhile friends had again been made the victims of a New York gunman's fiendish cleverness in committing his murders under circumstances which would, inevitably, involve Hamilton's most highly respected and socially prominent citizens in the police investigation.

But the second extra had a more comforting headline: Hammond wedding delays murder quiz.

The story beneath a series of smaller headlines began:

"At the very moment 9:05 o'clock this morning when Gelia Hunt, maid in the Tracey Miles home in the Brentwood district of Hamilton, was screaming the news of her discovery of the dead body of Dexter Sprague, New York motion picture director, in what is known as the 'trophy room,' Miss Polly Beale and Mr. Clive Hammond were applying for a marriage license in the Municipal Building."

"At 9:30, when Miss Beale and Mr. Hammond were exchanging their vows in the rectory of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, of which both bride and groom have been members since childhood, Captain John Strawn of the homicide squad was listening to Tracey Miles' account of the strange disappearance of Dexter Sprague from the impromptu bridge game, after he had announced his intention of taking advantage of the fact that he was 'dummy' to telephone for a taxi."

"And at 10 o'clock, when the new Mrs. Hammond called her home to break the news of her marriage to her aunt, Mrs. Amelia Beale, the bride was in turn acquainted with the news of Sprague's murder and the fact that both she and her husband were wanted at the Miles home for questioning by the police, since both had been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Miles last night, although Mr. Hammond did not arrive until about 11 o'clock."

There followed a recitation of the murder story as it appeared in the first extra, with additional details supplied by Strawn, and with a line drawing of the scene of the crime—the trophy room itself and the forked driveway with its tall yew hedges. A dotted line illustrated Strawn's theory of Sprague's plan to elude the Miles home, because of the curved sweep of the driveway toward the main entrance of the house, the tall hedge was less than two feet from the window with the partly opened screen.

"Captain Strawn's theory," read the text below the large drawing, "is that Sprague had good cause to fear that he was being followed on his way to the Miles home; that he telephoned for a taxi to wait for him at the foot of the hill, and that he planned to leave the Miles house by way of the trophy room window, so that his lurking pursuer might have no knowledge of his departure. The drawing shows that his proposed flight would have been protected by hedges until he reached the wooded slope of the hill, provided his Nemesis was lurking in the opposite hedge across the driveway where he could observe every departure from the Miles home."

"You've sure got a single-track mind, boy," Strawn chuckled. "So you think those two got married in such a hurry this morning because the law says a husband or a wife can't be made to testify against the other?"

"Possibly," Dundee grinned, unruffled. "But there is another possibility—which is why I should like to know who suggested this sudden wedding. I mean that we can't overlook the possibility that these two murders made either the bride or the groom feel perfectly safe in going on with the marriage. Polly Beale and Clive Hammond had been engaged for more than a year, you know, with no apparent reason for a long engagement."

"As for my having a single-track mind, Captain, what about you? I have six possible suspects, all of whose names I know, and you have only one—whose name you do not know, and whose motive you can only guess at, while I have a perfectly good motive that might fit anyone of my six—blackmail!"

"Is that so?" Strawn growled. "I'm not forgetting that Nita Selim banked \$10,000 cash after she got to Hamilton. My real theory now that Sprague has been killed is that Nita and Sprague had cooked up some sort of racket between them, and that when Nita got the chance to come to Hamilton with Mrs. Dunlap, she jumped at it, and she and Sprague sprung their racket, whatever it was, either just before or just after Nita left New York. Probably it was Nita's tipoff and Sprague did the actual dirty work himself, which explains that telegram that Nita sent him April 24, just three days after she got to Hamilton. Let's see again just what it says," and Strawn reached for a copy of the night letter which Dundee himself had unearthed the day before. "See: 'Everything Jake so far, but would feel safer you here.'"

"Yes, I remember the wording quite well," Dundee interrupted. "But you did not take it so seriously when I showed it to you yesterday. If you had—"

"All right! But it is!" Strawn snapped, flushing darkly. "If I had assigned a man to tail Sprague, as you suggested, he wouldn't have been murdered."

"He probably would have been murdered just the same," Dundee comforted the older man, "but we might have been lucky enough to have an eyewitness."

"Oh, you and your theory!" Strawn growled. "But let me go on." Nita meant she would feel safer after Sprague if he was here in Hamilton, too. But the guy they double-crossed in New York got on their trail. It took him weeks to do it, and Sprague followed Nita's advice. He got here on Sunday, April 27, and on Monday the 28th Nita banked the first \$5000! Don't you see it, boy? Sprague brought with him the dough they'd got for their stunt, and thought it was safer for Nita to bank it in her name, since it wasn't the name she was known by in New York anyway. We've checked up on Sprague pretty thoroughly. He didn't have a bank book, either on his body or in his room, and every bank in town denies he had an account with them."

"If that theory is correct, it makes Nita Selim a pretty low character," Dundee mused aloud. "Not only did she kick him out as a lover, but she double-crossed him as her partner in crime, by willing the whole and to Lydia Carr. Sprague must have been pretty shocked when he heard Nita's will read at the inquest."

"Yeah," Strawn agreed. "It looks like Mrs. Dunlap picked a sweet specimen to make a friend out of. Well, that's my theory, and I think it explains everything. Their victim in New York simply hired a gunman, or came down here himself, when he got on their tracks. Of course it was a good stunt to make it look like a local crime figured he'd find me just as he fooled you! So the murderer simply trailed Nita around, and saw the whole bunch of society people shooting at a target at Judge Marshall's place, with a gun equipped with a Maxim silencer. Too good an opportunity to be missed, so he hides his chance to swipe the gun and silencer. To make sure it will look like a local crime, he pops off Nita when that same bunch is at her house, but it takes a few days longer before he has the same opportunity to get Sprague. But it came last night and he took advantage of it."

"A very plausible theory, and one which, in general, the whole city of Hamilton has been familiar with since the night Nita was murdered," Dundee remarked significantly.

"What do you mean?" Strawn demanded. "It's waterproof, isn't it?" Doc Price says the bullet—and a 32 caliber one at that—entered Sprague's body just below the breastbone and travelled an upward course till it struck the extreme right side of the heart. The bullet entered exactly where it would have to, if the murderer was crouching under that window while Sprague was raising the screen. And we have Carraway's report that it was Sprague's fingerprints on those nickel-plated things you have to press together to make the screen roll up or down. Furthermore, I haven't a doubt in the world that the ballistics expert in Chicago will report that the bullet was fired from the same gun that killed Nita Selim."

"Neither," Dundee agreed. "But what I meant was that you had obligingly furnished the murderer who fits my theory with a theory he—or she—would not have upset for the world! Listen!" and he bent forward very



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earnestly: "I'm willing to grant that Sprague was shot from the outside, through the window, when Sprague raised the screen. But there our theories part company. I believe that the murderer was a guest in the Selim home last night, that he or she had made an appointment to meet Sprague there, on the promise of paying the hush money he had demanded. Naturally he or she, and I'll say 'he' from now on for the sake of convenience—had no intention of being seen entering that room. The bridge game was suggested by Judge Marshall at noon. There was plenty of time for the rendezvous to be made with Sprague. As I see it, the murderer told Sprague to excuse himself from the game when he became 'dummy' and to go to the trophy room and wait there until the murderer had a chance to slip away and appear beneath the window. Sprague had been promised that, when he raised the screen at a whispered request, a roll of bills would be handed to him, but he received a bullet instead."

"And which one of your six suspects have you picked on?" Strawn asked sarcastically.

"That's just the trouble. There are still six," Dundee acknowledged with a wry grin. "After Sprague's disappearance, every one of the six was absent from the porch at one time or another."

"No, by George! There are seven suspects now! I was at a loss to forget Peter Dunlap, who admits he was alone on a fishing trip when Nita was murdered and who left the porch last night to go to the library, as soon as Sprague arrived! As for the original six: Polly Beale took a walk about the grounds; Flora Miles went upstairs to hunt for Karen Marshall, and was gone more than 10 minutes; Drake went to the dining room to get the refreshments and no one can say Judge Marshall went up to get his wife, and had time to make a little trip on the side; Janet Raymond walked over from her home, and passed that very window, arriving after Sprague had disappeared; and, finally, Clive Hammond arrived alone in his car, which he parked within a few feet of that window. This morning he gets married!"

"A telegram, sir!" interrupted a plainclothesman, who had entered without knocking.

Strawn snatched at it, read it, then exulted: "Read this, boy! I guess this settles the business!" (To be continued.)

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

CLUB'S EASY WIN OVER SERVICES.

The Hongkong C.C. had no difficulty in defeating the United Services in the two-day match which concluded yesterday. Their opponents were 132 down on the first innings and were compelled to follow on. In their second venture they were disposed of for 151. The Club easily knocked up the 21 runs necessary for victory, without loss of a wicket. Second innings scores:

United Services.—2nd Inns.	
Davies, c. Marton, b. Reed	15
Sprague, b. Barker	6
Beauchamp, c. Marton, b. Reed	0
Wolfe-Barry, c. b. Barker	0
Mason, c. Barker, b. Beck	0
Salmon, b. Barker	0
MacFarlane, c. Sayer, b. Barker	8
Williams, c. Beck, b. Reid	4
Bennett, c. Barker, b. Barker	2
Ponsbury, not out	2
Fry, c. Sayer, b. Barker	9
Extras	8
Total	151

Bowling Analysis.	
Reed	O. M. R. W.
10	2 28 2
Beck	12.4 1 43 6
Reid	6 1 33 1
Beck	6 1 34 1
Sayer	1 1 7 0

Hongkong C.C.—2nd Inns.	
Sayer, not out	14
Pearce, not out	10
Extras	0
Total (for 2 wks.)	24

Bowling Analysis.	
Fry	O. M. R. W.
2.2	13 0
Mason	2 11 0

HOCKEY ON SHAMEEN.

RADIO CLUB DRAW WITH THE JATS.

The Radio Sports Club met the 3/4th Jats 1st XI in a hockey match yesterday afternoon on the Marina ground, which resulted in a draw of 3 all.

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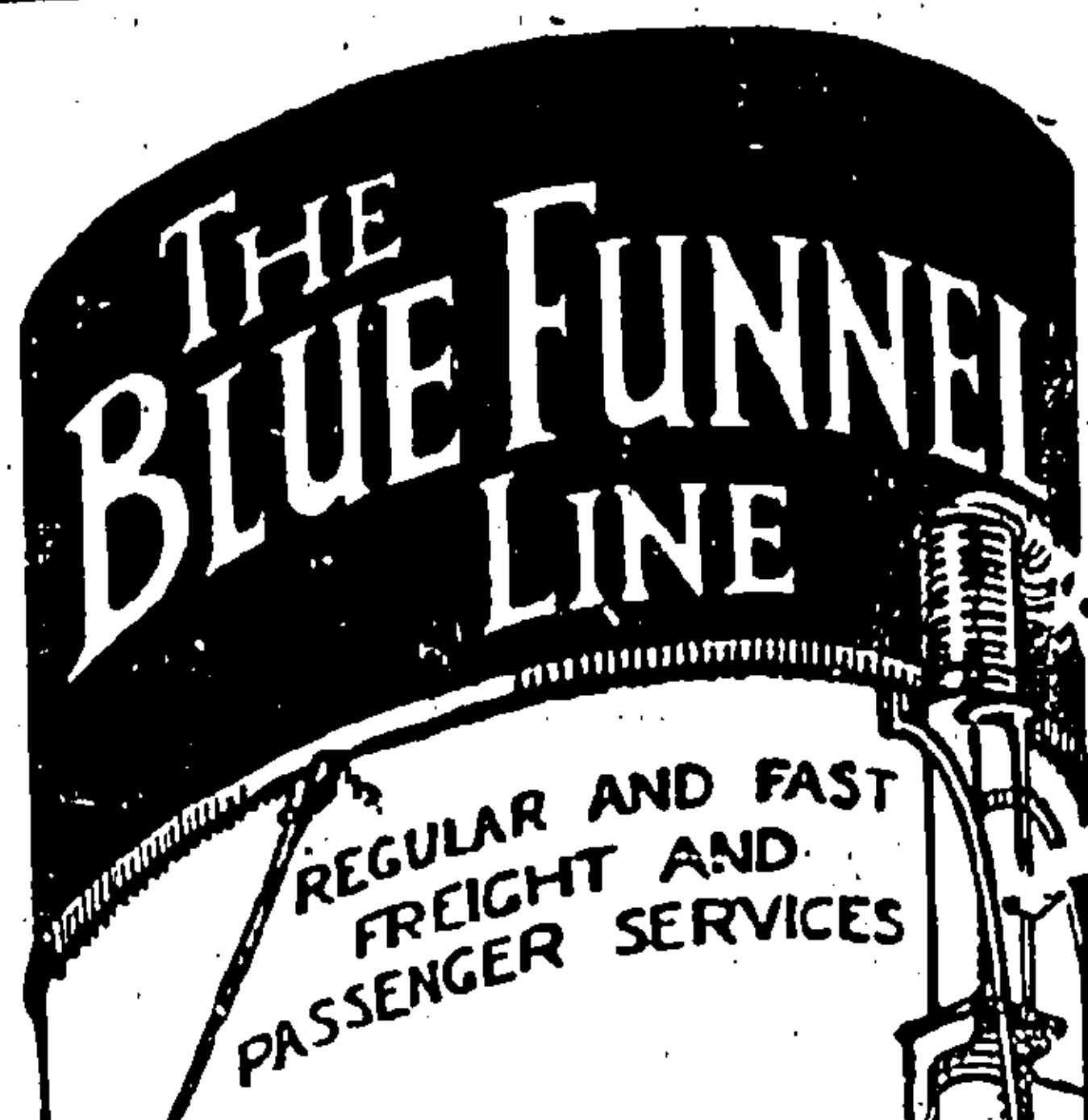
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The Secretary brought hounds from kennels in a lorry, and picking up the fox and the hunt staff together with Mr. Stanton the whole party proceeded to the meet.

The Huntsman moved off at 3.15 and after a half mile track down the main road put hounds in on the grassy hillside south of the road.

Hounds soon hit the line off and running fast for half a mile, swung left through the pines into the Lok-ma-chau Vale. For the first part of the run hounds appeared to run mute, this may have been due to the extremely high wind into which the hunt was running head on.

The hawker hat brigade were at a distinct advantage to the topes - several riders complaining that they had been nearly lifted off of their saddles by their chin straps. Here again the gale deprived the field of hearing a slight alteration between the Huntsman and among the whips. The words were carried away in the teeth of the gale - all that could be seen were expressions. The Huntsman's hat then blew off and the Huntsman blew up.

The Secretary in the meantime had got himself into trouble again but was sufficiently nimble not only to avoid being pinned under his horse but clever enough to take the feet of the horse behind him on the crown of his hat. Secretaries, however, are there to be jumped on, so that was all right and the kill was only a few hundred yards on. With the kind help of several members of the Hunt the Roarer was extricated and finished the day going strong.

Second Run.

The second run was notable for some extremely awkward and big places, and the way in which Mr. Corbett had made the best use of some excellent grass going. The hunt finished above the 11th tee of the old course, with a greatly diminished field. After a short pause, Capt. Mould put hounds on again and a third run was enjoyed. Hounds ran at a great pace across open paddy and then swinging left handed through the pine woods ran strongly down a long series of drop jumps which gave the field all the jumping they could desire.

A short run across the plough brought us up to the fox, close to the Vintners' parade ground. Our Taipei representative, who had been going great guns all day on his game little pony, was well up at the finish.

The weather was kinder than previously and seemed to soften the going still needed rain to soften the ground and dampen the plough. This matter was a genuine nuisance on Sunday - great clouds of dust rising whenever the field crossed plough. The rain experienced in Hongkong would have been far more acceptable at Fanling, but in spite of this a large and representative field were out.

H. E. the Governor.

H. E. the Governor and Lady Peel arrived by car; we were very glad to see His Excellency hunting again after his accident last month. Accompanying His Excellency were Capt. Bahidin (the Master) and Capt. Colman, A.D.C. This is the first time that the Master has been allowed by the doctors to attend a meet. He will shortly be going home on leave, where we wish him a happy recovery. Amongst other hunting were Miss Scott-Harston, Mr. Beard, Mr. Dale and Mr. Fischer.

The Navy were again represented by Commander Lambert and Lord Hereford, as usual in the first flight. Major and the Hon. Mrs. Hewson were out again - they have missed very few days. Our usual Army supporters were unlucky in not being able to hunt their ponies, which are still in Veterinary hands. Wednesday's meet is at Sheung Shui Police Station, and Saturday's meet at the Kennels.



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DINNER TO MR. M. L. RAILTON OF HONGKONG.

Mr. M. L. Railton, until recently vice-President of the Kobe R. and A.C., was the guest of honour at a dinner held at the Gymnasium. The dinner was arranged by fellow athletes who wished to mark in some way their appreciation of Mr. Railton's services to the Club, not only as an active athlete - especially as rowing captain, football captain and water-polo captain - but of his work behind the scenes as committee-man.

Mr. J. F. James, president of the R. R. and A. C., was in the chair, and there were about fifty present. Mr. James offered the toast of the evening, and in doing so handed Mr. Railton a silver plate subscribed by members of the Club.

It was with mixed feelings that he proposed the health of Mr. Manning Railton, said Mr. James. "We are glad to drink to his health at any time but all too sorry to say good-bye to him this evening," continued Mr. James. "However, Hong-

kong is not so very far away, so we hope to see him back before long, meantime, we will just say Iteirashai.

"Manning Railton has become part and parcel of us in Kobe, especially with those gathered round this table this evening, and we will certainly miss him when he leaves. I consider that last year was the most successful year of sport that the R. R. and A. C. have ever had, and this can be attributed to the time and energy expended by our last Vice-President. Personally, I was looking forward to handing over the 1931 Presidency to Mr. Railton, for during the two years we have worked together in Committee, I realised that not only was he an exceptional good sport, but a bundle of energy when it came to organising the carrying out matters in connexion with other Committee work."

Complimented with the name of Mrs. Railton, and their children, Mr. Railton's health was drunk with musical honours.

In a brief reply, Mr. Railton expressed his thanks. He had, he said, always received loyal support from club members, and any work that had been involved had been well worth it.

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John McCormack (Tenor), 712.

Piano Solo-Bole of Spring (Sinding).

Hans Barth, 20121.

8.00-10.30 p.m. Chinese Studio Concert.

9.00 p.m. Weather Report, Local Time, etc.

10.30 p.m. Close Down.

YUNNANESE RETIRE.

PEACE IN SOUTHWEST CHINA ASSURED.

Canton, Feb. 17.
The Canton Government has been officially informed by military officers commanding the Yunnanese expedition to Kwangsi, that the last of the Yunnanese soldiers have left Kwangsi soil, following the drawing up of an armistice between the Kwangsi and Nanking Governments.

It will be recalled that three Yunnanese Divisions were sent to attack the Kwangsi strongholds at Nanning and Linzhou, and that after a prolonged siege the Yunnanese contingents suffered a big defeat necessitating their concentration at Posh and Lungchow and along the Kwangsi-Yunnan frontier.

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RAILWAY PROFITS.

GOOD RETURNS FOR TWO CANTON LINES.

Canton, Feb. 16.

The managements of the Canton-Hankow and Canton-Samshui Railways have announced that business done in 1930 has been most satisfactory, in that the two railways made profits amounting to \$2,300,000. After deducting a military loan of \$800,000, and also \$700,000 for the purpose of purchasing rolling stock, the Government has decided to set aside twenty per cent. of the profits as bonus for workers along these two lines.

The Lung-Hai Agreement.

Nanking, Feb. 10.

In view of the changed conditions in China, which render impracticable the continued enforcement of some of the terms of the Lung-Hai Railway loan agreement between the Chinese Government and the Belgian Compagnie Generale de Chemins de Fer et de Tramways en Chine, the Ministry of Railways has decided to seek a revision of the regulations governing the management of the railway.

Five important members of the Ministry, including Mr. Yen Te-ching, chief expert; Messrs. Kwan Kan-tien and Chang En-huang, counsellors; Mr. Robert Norman, legal adviser; and Mr. Sa Puchun, head of the Engineering Department, have been appointed to initiate negotiations with representatives of the Belgian Company.—Kuo Min.

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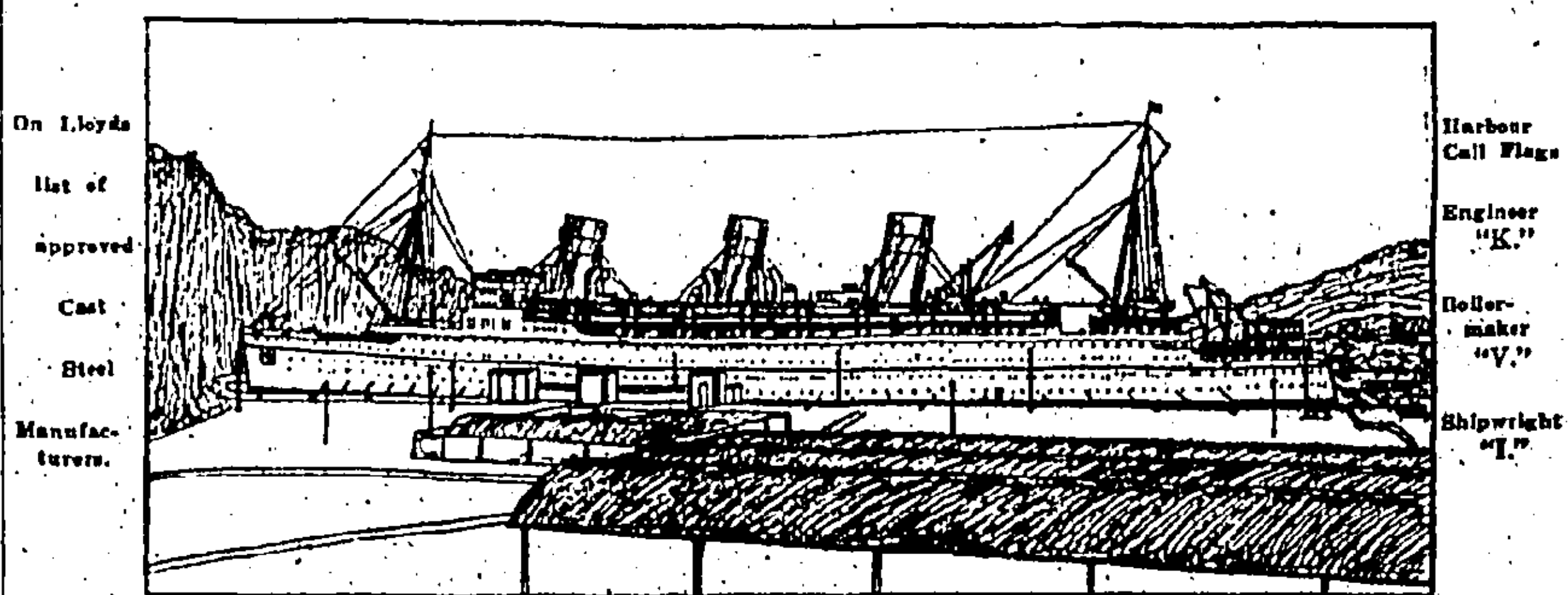
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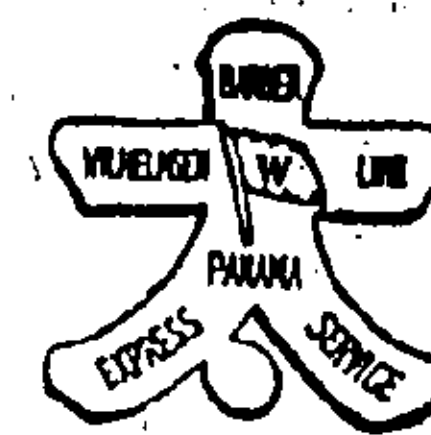
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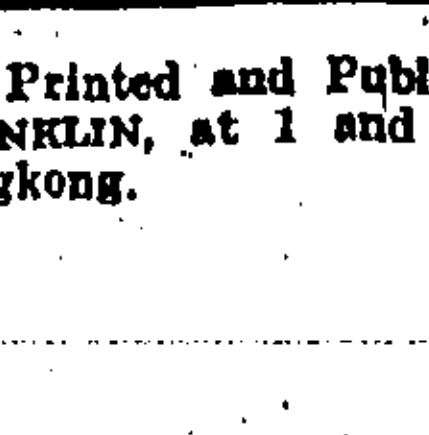
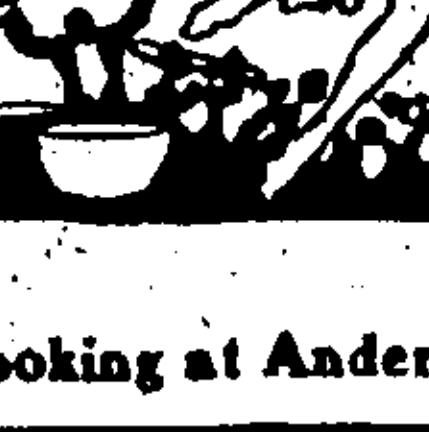
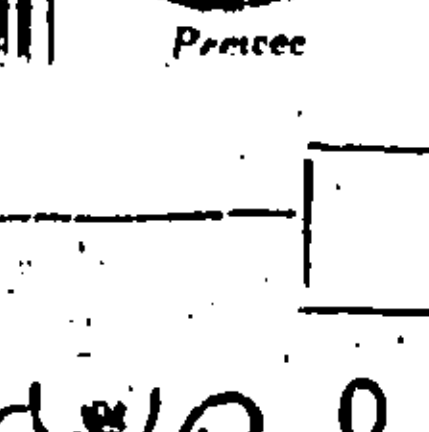
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CHOPPER ATTACK SEQUEL.

MARKET STALL-HOLDERS SENTENCED.

STREET INCIDENT.

Convicted on a charge of having assaulted Ip Shui, an electrician, with choppers at the Kun Chung Market, two fish-stall masters, Fung Yiu and Lai Man-on were sentenced to three months' imprisonment each by Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The complainant asserted that when he was walking with a friend near the Kun Chung Market at about noon yesterday the second defendant rushed out towards him with two choppers in his hands. He handed the choppers to the first defendant and another man, who had come up, and these two men then chased witness towards Woosung Street. He received a blow on his back with a chopper which cut through his jacket and inflicted a wound on his back. His friend bolted into Jordan Road and sounded a police whistle. After striking him, the men gave up the chase. Witness had some time previously grappled with the second defendant and had had a quarrel with him. The second defendant did not take part in the chase.

Witness denied that he had quarrelled with a fook of the defendants and had received the blow from him in the course of a fight. He also denied that the first defendant had come to punch him.

Fung Shun, the complainant's friend, said he saw the second defendant hand over the two choppers to the first defendant and another man, and he also saw these two men chase the complainant. Earlier in the day, the second defendant had quarrelled with the complainant in a gambling house.

The first defendant said he was in his stall when he saw one of his fooks rush into the market, chased by the complainant and some others. His fook picked up the two choppers and then rushed out again. Witness himself followed in order to stop his fook from striking his pursuers. He denied taking up a chopper himself.

The second defendant said that, with the same fook, he had gambled with the complainant at a gambling house that morning. A quarrel arose and his fook was assaulted by the complainant and some others. His fook then rushed to the market, chased by the complainant and some other men, and after picking up two choppers, rushed out and started fighting with his pursuers. Witness did not see complainant receive the blow.

Tam Ng, a fook of the defendants, said he saw one of the fooks of the stall rush into the market and pick up a chopper and then rush out again. He did not follow, but the first defendant did. He did not know what went on outside the market, but he learned later that there was a fight.

Mr. Butters convicted the two defendants and imposed the sentence mentioned.

CRACKER-FIRING DANGERS.

A FURTHER BATCH OF OFFENDERS FINED.

Fines ranging from \$5 to \$25, more often at the higher figure, imposed at the Central Magistracy this morning, reflected the serious view taken of the dangers connected with the cracker-firing nuisance.

The firing of cracker-bombs, throwing of lighted crackers into the air or dropping them from buildings, or the ignition of crackers under a tin, to be hoisted up into the air by the force of the detonation—all these offences came under notice. Heavy bail was required at the Stations, and more often than not these sums were turned over in their entirety as fines when the offenders subsequently appeared in Court.

In Mr. Schofield's Court this morning, the penalties imposed amounted to nearly \$200, the prosecuting Police Officer in these cases generally pointing out the crowded condition of the thoroughfares where such offences took place, and the dangers to life and limb in the event of the explosives hitting pedestrians or motor drivers.

FATAL AIR CRASH.

JAPANESE MACHINE AFIRE IN MID-AIR.

Tokyo, Feb. 18. Two officer-pilots and one petty officer were burned to death when a plane belonging to the Yokosuka Naval Aviation station suddenly burst into flames in mid-air and crashed through the top of the Fujin Agricultural School in the Shizuoka Prefecture. Both the machine and the school hall were reduced to ashes.—Reuter.

ALLEGED PIRACY ATTEMPT.

LEGAL SUBMISSIONS IN PEDRO BLANCO CASE.

ESSENTIAL FEATURE.

Submissions that the indictment was illegal and that there was nothing to bring the accused within the jurisdiction of the Court, were made by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at the Criminal Sessions this morning, before the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Wood) in defending 12 Chinese who are alleged to have piratically attacked a British licensed junk off Pedro Blanco on January 4, this year. The argument on this point was dealt with first and the jurors were dismissed until 2.15 this afternoon.

Accused men are Chung Tam-kwong, Leung Yan, Lau Kwong, Tsang Sung, Tsang Hing, Li Hing, Yau Hing, Wong San, Wong Tim, Li Shu-lee, Lai Sui and Tsang Kait. There are three counts against them, the first being that on January 4, 1931, upon the high seas off Pedro Blanco, they piratically and feloniously attacked cargo junk N. 206 (Hongkong licence) putting the master and crew in bodily fear. The second count alleges that they set upon and attacked the junk, putting the master, Chung Ma-yut, in bodily fear, with intent to take away the junk, her tackle, and cargo from the owners, and steal the vessel. The third count alleges attempted piracy.

The case for the Crown is being conducted by Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, while Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. C. E. L. Grist, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, is defending.

Mr. Lo said he wished to speak before accused pleaded.

Quashing of Case Asked.

His Lordship: Are you going to move that the indictment should be quashed? Yes.

Are you going to move that the whole of the indictment should be quashed, or only certain parts? I am going to move that the whole of the indictment be quashed.

All three counts? Yes, but more especially the third count, that is an attempt to commit piracy.

Mr. Lo said he would argue that the indictment was illegal and that there was nothing which could bring it within the jurisdiction of the Court. He would submit that the three counts were wholly unprecedented and unwarranted, either by the Law of the Nations or by Statute. There were a number of piracy cases which had been decided in the past, and decisions had been given by very famous judges, whose opinions, if taken with the circumstances of the present case, would support his submissions.

Counsel went on to deal with authorities on various phases of the matter, saying that an essential feature which must be proved was robbery. Also to support the indictment, there must have been violence or the ship must have been carried away. Although a reputed thief could be charged with loitering with intent, under no ordinance could a shipful of reputed pirates be charged with loitering on the high seas.

To support the indictment the Crown would have to prove that the victimised vessel had been either taken away, or scuttled, or that there had been an act committed on board which, had it been committed on land, would have amounted to a felony. Also the Crown would have to prove robbery to bring the indictment within the jurisdiction of the Court, and nothing short of that would constitute the act of piracy, as preferred against accused.

The case is proceeding.

HELENA MAY INST. MUSICALE.

DELIGHTFUL PROGRAMME THIS EVENING.

A delightful programme has been arranged for the musicale at the Helena May Institute this evening at 5.30 p.m. The artistes will be Mrs. Snowdon Jones (soprano), Mrs. Parvati (contralto), N. H. G. Annis (tenor), Mr. Maurice Barton (baritone), and Mrs. Shand, L.R.A.M. (solo piano), with Mr. Frederick Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L., as accompanist. The programme is: Quartet, Sir Eglamore.

Balfour Gardner Duet: (a) Full Fathom Five, Dunhill (b) John, come kiss me now, Old English Folk Song

Contralto Solo, Who is Sylvia? Schubert

Tenor Solo, O Mistress mine, Quilter

Piano Solo, Prelude and Fugue in C, Bach

Duet, in the form of a Canon: To Daffodils, Thimble

Baritone Solo, Wood Magic, Martin Shaw

Soprano Solo, Twilight Fancies, Dellius

Piano Solo, Scherzo, Op. 31, Chopin

Quartet, Flora's Holiday, A Cycle of Old English Melodies.

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CABINET TAKE OATH.

Madrid, Feb. 18.

Spain's political storm appears to be over. The new Ministers took the oath of office to-day, and King Alfonso and Admiral Aznar were acclaimed by a large crowd as they motored to the War Ministry to administer the oath to General Berenguer, who is lying ill.

The leading officials in the Ministry, which includes four Independents, two Liberals, one Conservative and one Democrat, are as follows:

Premier, Admiral Aznar.
Foreign Minister, Count Romanones.
Minister for the Army, Gen. Berenguer.
Minister for the Navy, Admiral Rivera.
Minister for Labour, the Duke of Maurea.
Reuter.

It is recognized that King Alfonso, with forty-five parties eager to govern, has skillfully handled the situation from his own standpoint and the failure of the aged Sr. Guerra to form a revolutionary government has strengthened his hand.

Queen Ena, who has just returned from London, from her visit to her mother, Princess Beatrice, was given a stirring reception at the railway station.

Their Majesties later appeared on the balcony and were again given a rousing ovation.—Reuter.

READING'S WIN AT BRADFORD.

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	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Exeter	29	22	4	3	99	44	48
Tottenham	29	18	3	8	72	37	39
West Brom.	29	16	6	7	61	35	38
Wolves	29	17	0	12	65	49	34
Bradford	29	14	5	10	74	47	33
Port Vale	29	15	3	11	57	49	33
Burnley	29	15	5	11	60	43	31
Southampton	29	12	6	11	50	44	30
Preston N. E.	29	12	6	11	62	48	30
Bury	29	13	3	13	58	67	29
Oldham	29	12	5	13	42	52	29
Bradford C.	29	11	6	12	43	49	28
Stoke	29	11	6	12	43	55	28
Swansea	29	10	6	13	41	51	28
Charlton	29	10	6	13	39	63	26
Millwall	29	11	3	15	58	65	25
Bristol C.	29	9	6	14	33	60	24
Notts. Forest	29	7	9	13	56	65	23
Barnsley	29	8	7	14	36	62	23
Reading	29	9	5	16	47	72	23
Plymouth	29	4	16	50	65	22	18
Cardiff	29	7	4	18	40	65	18

Scottish League

Motherwell	28	18	6	4	78	32	42
Rangers	27	17	5	5	69	23	39
Celtic	25	16	6	3	71	24	38
Partick	28	17	2	9	58	38	36
Hearts	28	16	3	9	69	40	35
Hamilton	28	15	3	10	50	35	33
Dundee	26	14	3	9	51	42	31
Airdrie	28	14	3	11	47	49	31
Aberdeen	29	12	4	13	55	59	28
St. Mirren	26	11	5	10	42	43	27
Cowdenbeath	27	11	5	11	37	43	27
Kilmarnock	27	11	2	14	44	50	24
Morton	27	10	4	13	48	62	24
Clyde	28	10	4	14	45	61	24
Queen's Park	26	9	5	12	47	48	23
Leith	28	6	9	13	38	69	21
Falkirk	27	9	2	16	55	69	20
Hibernians	29	7	5	16	38	65	19
Arbroath	26	3	8	15	34	65	14
East Fife	28	3	4	21	31	95	10

SILVER LOAN EMISSARIES

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restoring and stabilizing silver values and at the same time stimulating international trade.

It was pointed out that Senator Pittman headed a Senate commission which gave exhaustive study to the silver situation which now is interesting Senator King.

However, Senator King would not make his proposed commission purely congressional. He would have it composed of economists, bankers and traders appointed by the President.

The report of the Pittman committee was subjected to attack in some quarters to-day. It was contended that to use silver dollars now on deposit in the United States Treasury for a silver commodity loan to China would be equivalent to the dumping of silver and that it would only serve to depress the value of the white metal still further.

Reactions from China to Senator Pittman's proposals are awaited here, although for many weeks there has been considerable and widespread discussion of the plan in advance of its formal submission to Congress.—United Press.

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